

Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs News Release



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Spokane: Today we received confirmation that a staff person was diagnosed with COVID-19. This staff person is now isolated at home. All staff will continue to be tested each week as required by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Spokane Veterans Home staff members continue to wear procedure masks and eye protection at all times in the nursing care building. As a precaution, residents will be tested every week until 14 days have passed since the last positive result. In addition to the proactive testing, the Veterans Home will continue conducting enhanced surveillance, including 4-hour symptom and temperature checks, for all residents for the next 14 days.

The Spokane Veterans Home has sufficient personal protective equipment and continues to secure more to ensure the safety of our residents and employees. Teams on all three shifts are cleaning surface areas, including frequently touched places like handrails, door handles, touch screens and carts.

We are working closely with the Spokane Regional Health District and following guidance from Centers for Disease Control, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and our State Department of Health to ensure we are taking every possible precaution.

The Spokane Veterans Home is following guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, which requires regular testing of all long-term care facility staff. With increased staff testing, it is possible that additional asymptomatic carriers will be identified.

The Spokane Veterans Home is committed to providing the best possible care to our Veterans and their Families and to ensuring our staff members have the tools and resources they need to provide care.

Information is being shared on our website at www.dva.wa.gov/covid.

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