Dear WWVH Residents, Families, Representatives, and Staff:

I am writing to provide a COVID-19 update for WWVH, and to share a few photos from yesterday's special Memorial Day activities.

Status for the current COVID-19 outbreak period beginning 4/22: 1 current positive resident (identified yesterday) and 3 recovered, 1 current positive employee (identified yesterday) and 11 recovered. An "outbreak period" ends when 28 days have passed with zero positive cases detected. Families/residents/responsible parties for residents in the currently affected neighborhood have been notified directly. The positive staff member is recovering at home, and the positive resident is quarantined in their room with close monitoring and receiving excellent care as always.

We continue to follow guidance from the Walla Walla County Dept. of Community Health, CDC, CMS, and the WA State Dept. of Health. In addition, our dedicated custodians are working seven days a week to ensure clean, disinfected surfaces throughout the facility.

<u>Visitation</u>: No change to current protocols. All visitors must screen in PRIOR to visiting their loved one. And, because this is a healthcare facility, masks are still required at all times for all visitors, vendors, contractors, and staff.

Resident Testing: All residents are tested for COVID-19 twice (at 5-day intervals) following the discovery of any new positive case with exposure to the facility. Yesterday all residents, except the one positive case, tested negative.

<u>Employee Screening, Testing, Vaccinations</u>: All WWVH staff are fully vaccinated, tested 2X/week, and screened for symptoms and/or COVID-19 exposures upon arrival to the facility.

In addition to email notifications, this information is personally distributed to all residents, and hard copies are mailed to resident representatives who prefer that form of communication. You may also access up to date WDVA COVID-19 information any time by visiting: www.dva.wa.gov/covid.

I hope you enjoy the photos (below) of yesterday's Memorial Day activities. There are many more pictures on our Facebook page! Our page has great history of photos and other inspiring and informational posts from the past 5 years since we opened in June, 2022. You're welcome to follow us there if you'd like!

www.facebook.com/WallaWallaVeteransHome

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Respectfully, Lonna Leno, Administrator Walla Walla Veterans Home

