



STATE OF ILLINOIS  
**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

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**UPDATE TO APRIL 29, 2019**

The Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs is required to notify all residents and their Powers of Attorney or designated family member or representatives in writing when there are two or more instances of "an infectious disease" present anywhere in the Veterans Home. This is in accordance with House Bill 4278, Public Act 100-0632, which was signed into law on July 27, 2018.

Please note there has been two (2) additional cases of pneumonia at the Illinois Veterans Home Manteno as of May 17, 2019.

Please feel free to contact the Nursing unit for specific information or any questions or concerns. Please see our website, <https://www2.illinois.gov/veterans/homes/Pages/Notifications.aspx>, for further notices or updates. The fact remains that communicable diseases happen in communal type living, and we take this very seriously. Please rest assured that our residents' health and comfort is of utmost importance to us and we are treating these instances with appropriate medication and comprehensive care.

Sincerely,

Tanya Smith, MSN, RN, LNHA  
Veterans Home Administrator