



STATE OF ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

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Letter to Residents and Power of Attorney

August 30, 2019

Dear Resident and/or Responsible Party;

The Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs is required to notify all residents and their Powers of Attorney or designated family member or representative, 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 that a single resident has been confirmed with Legionnaires' Disease at the Illinois Veterans Home in Manteno as of August 30, 2019.

Please feel free to contact the Nursing unit for specific information or any questions or concerns. Please see our website, <https://illinois.gov/veterans/homes/Pages/Notifications.aspx> for further notices or updates. The fact remains that communicable diseases occur in communal-type living and we take this very seriously. However, Legionnaires' Disease is not spread from person to person and the Home staff are taking every necessary step to ensure the health and welfare of your loved ones. 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
Manteno Veterans Home Administrator