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May 28, 2021:

To residents, families or responsible parties, and staff of the Illinois Veterans Home at LaSalle:

On our last update we reported a new resident COVID-19 death at our facility. This report was sent out of an abundance of caution and in keeping with our desire to be fully transparent. Subsequently, after additional testing and in coordination with the Illinois Department of Public Health it has been determined the death was not COVID-19 related and there are no new case of COVID-19 among our staff or residents. We understand the reporting of new cases and a new COVID-19 death can be distressing, and we apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused as we stopped visitation and restricted access to the home.

Our top priority is the health and safety of our military veterans and the heroic staff who care for them. We take this very seriously. We are following recommendations from local health officials, the U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs, and the Illinois Department of Public Health to safeguard everyone at the facility. This includes continuing our health screenings and COVID-19 testing of staff and residents, maintaining social-distancing practices, wearing face masks, using gloves and gowns when indicated, and intensified cleaning and disinfection protocols.

We are grateful to our team for remaining highly vigilant for signs or symptoms of COVID-19 and for being ready to respond swiftly, appropriately, and professionally to any potential cases.

We promise to keep you informed as we do everything possible to keep our residents safe. Our military veterans and our wonderful home staff are strong and resilient people. With your continued support, we will get through this unprecedented time together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Vaughn".

Anthony Vaughn
Acting Administrator