



STATE OF ILLINOIS

# DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

LA SALLE VETERANS' HOME

1015 O'CONOR AVENUE, LA SALLE, IL 61301

TELEPHONE: 815-223-0303 \* FAX: 815-223-5815

JB PRITZKER  
GOVERNOR

BRANDI MELTON  
ADMINISTRATOR

TERRY PRINCE  
ACTING DIRECTOR

October 13, 2021

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

Since our last COVID update there has been one (1) additional cases of COVID-19 among employees at our home, for a total of one hundred and thirty (130) COVID-19 cases among employees since the start of the pandemic. To date, one hundred and twenty-nine (129) employees have recovered from COVID-19.

Since our last COVID-19 update there has been zero (0) additional case of COVID-19 among residents at our home, for a total of one hundred and thirteen (113) COVID-19 cases among residents since the start of the pandemic. To date, seventy-six (76) residents have recovered from COVID-19. Zero (0) residents who tested positive for COVID-19 have passed away since our last update, with thirty-six (36) residents total having passed away due to COVID-19 since the start of the pandemic.

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 understand this news can be distressing, and we encourage you to contact your loved ones for mutual support of one another. Activities and social services staff continue to develop leisure activities, in accordance with social distancing practices, to care for the psychosocial wellbeing of our veterans. 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 cursive script that reads "Brandi Melton".

Brandi Melton  
Administrator