



# COVID-19 and Veterans' Homes

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# THE MISSION CONTINUES

SERVING AND HONORING VETERANS IN OREGON SINCE 1945



## OUR VISION

Veterans and their families thrive in Oregon



## OUR MISSION

ODVA serves and honors veterans through our leadership, advocacy and strong partnerships



## OUR VALUES

Respect, Integrity, Stewardship and Excellence

# AGENCY PROGRAMS



## SUMMARY OF SERVICES

### HOME LOAN PROGRAM

- » **HOME LOAN PROGRAM**  
Provides home loans to qualified veterans

### STATEWIDE VETERAN SERVICES

- » **STATEWIDE VETERAN SERVICES**  
Provides claims and appeals assistance, monitoring of post-secondary institutions through the State Approving Agency function, partnerships with counties and national veterans' service organizations to assist veterans, and grant programs that direct funding to veterans and governmental and non-profit organizations

### AGING VETERAN SERVICES

- » **AGING VETERAN SERVICES**  
Provides expertise and outreach in aging veterans' benefits and services, veteran volunteer program, and conservatorship and representative payee services

### OREGON VETERANS' HOMES

- » **OREGON VETERANS' HOMES**  
Provides oversight of the two Oregon Veterans' Homes (skilled-nursing and memory care facilities) in The Dalles and Lebanon

# OREGON VETERANS' HOMES



## OVERVIEW

HOME LOAN PROGRAM

STATEWIDE VETERAN SERVICES

AGING VETERAN SERVICES

**OREGON VETERANS' HOMES**

- » Award-winning state Veterans' Homes located in The Dalles (1997) and Lebanon (2014)
- » Earned benefit providing skilled and long-term nursing care, endorsed memory care, and rehabilitative care to veterans, spouses and Gold Star Parents
- » Veterans live in an environment with a culture of camaraderie and understanding from fellow veterans who have shared military experience and staff who are trained to meet their unique needs
- » Access to claims representation and benefit assistance by service officers who focus on the needs of veterans who served during the Vietnam, Korean and WWII wars
- » Self-sustaining program offering lower cost skilled nursing care to veterans and their families



# “The place where honor lives”

## The Dalles



- Located in Wasco County
- Opened in 1997
- Number of beds: 151
- Number of residents: 106

## Lebanon



- Located in Linn County
- Opened in 2014
- Number of beds: 154
- Number of residents: 134



# COVID-19 in the Homes – Residents

	Lebanon	The Dalles
Active cases	0	0
Recovered	31	15
COVID-19 related deaths	10	4
Total Cases	41	19

*\*Data as of 11/9/21;  
\*\*Reflects cases since  
March 2020*



# COVID-19 in the Homes - Staff

	Lebanon	The Dalles
Active cases	0	0
Recovered	43	53
COVID-19 related deaths	0	0
Total	43	53

*\*Data as of 11/9/2021*



# Vaccinations in the Homes: Staff & Residents

## Lebanon Veterans' Home

Population	Percent fully vaccinated
Residents	93%
Staff	80%

## The Dalles Veterans' Home

Population	Percent fully vaccinated
Residents	99%
Staff	91%

*\*Data as of 11/9/21*





# FINANCIAL IMPACT

\*For the Period of March 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021

## LOST REVENUE

- Lost revenue - \$4,354,987

## INCREASED COSTS

- Additional Expenses - \$2,454,320
  - Staffing
  - Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
  - Infection Control

## PROVIDER RELIEF FUNDS

- Provider Relief Funds (CARES Act) received - \$2,506,451
- VA Per Diem Program (CARES Act) received - \$1,059,481
- VA Per Diem Program (American Rescue Plan Act) received (July 2021) - \$2,837,047



# **Oregon Veterans Testing & Vaccines**



# COVID-19 Vaccines – Federal VA

- SAVE LIVES Act – March 2021
- Vaccines available to veterans, their families, their caregivers at any VA Medical Center.

Portland

38,916

Roseburg

15,661

White City

7,237

Walla Walla

8,669

Boise

15,940

# of Veterans fully vaccinated, by facility



# COVID-19 Testing – Federal VA

- Eligible veterans – Veterans who are enrolled in USDVA healthcare are able to obtain diagnostic testing at VA health care facilities.
- VA is providing testing on an appointment basis only and must be ordered by the Veteran's provider.
- Veterans who have symptoms of or potential exposure to COVID-19 should contact their PCP.

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### COVID-19 Vaccines

VA is providing the Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) vaccines, as authorized by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Supply varies by facility. [Get more information about COVID-19 vaccines at VA.](#)

We are working to vaccinate as many eligible individuals as quickly as possible.

### Easier access to vaccines and more people eligible

VA is adding walk-in COVID-19 vaccinations at all VA facilities and outpatient clinics that offer COVID-19 vaccines. Please check hours for vaccination clinics.

Congress has passed a law which allows us to offer COVID-19 vaccines to the following groups who are eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine:

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### CONTACT INFO

#### Location

VA Portland Health Care System

#### Contact Number(s)

503-273-5100 Ext. For scheduling.

# QUESTIONS



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