

COVID-19 and Veterans' Homes

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SUMMARY OF SERVICES

HOME LOAN PROGRAM

STATEWIDE VETERAN SERVICES

AGING VETERAN SERVICES

OREGON VETERANS' HOMES

» HOME LOAN PROGRAM

Provides home loans to qualified veterans

» 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

Provides expertise and outreach in aging veterans' benefits and services, veteran volunteer program, and conservatorship and representative payee services

» OREGON VETERANS' HOMES

Provides oversight of the two Oregon Veterans' Homes (skillednursing and memory care facilities) in The Dalles and Lebanon

OREGON VETERANS' HOMES





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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



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%



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



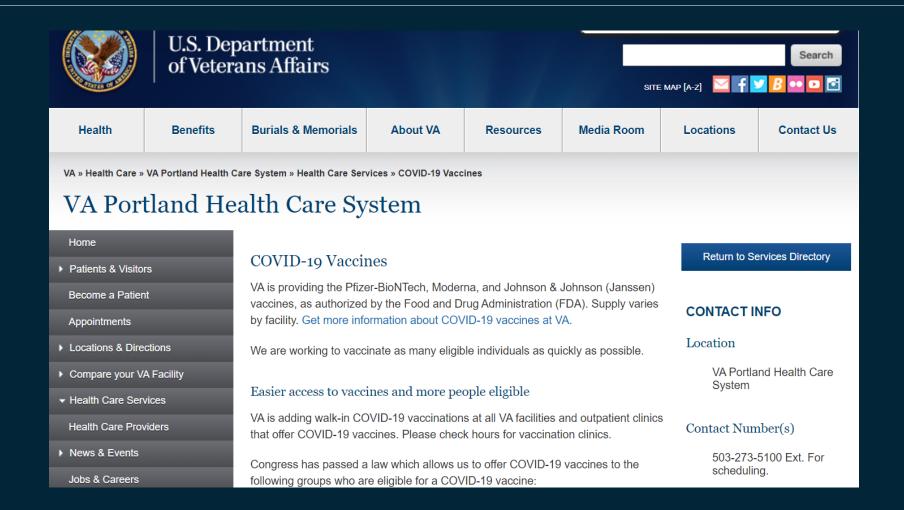
COVID-19 Testing – Federal VA

- 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.





Resources



QUESTIONS



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