

## **MEMORANDUM**

To: Vinson Hall Retirement Community Residents, Family Members

and Staff

From: Haider Mahmood, Administrator of Vinson Hall and Willow Oak

Subject: COVID-19 positive resident and staff member

Date: September 16, 2021

This memo is to inform you that we have two detected cases of COVID-19 on the VHRC campus. A Vinson Hall resident has tested detected for the virus. This individual is vaccinated and is symptomatic. Currently, he/she is receiving care at Virginia Hospital Center. Our second case is a Health and Wellness staff member, who is also vaccinated and is asymptomatic. This individual, who was last on the VHRC campus on Sunday, Sept. 12, is currently at isolating at home. We do not believe that the two cases are connected.

VHRC's clinical team will conduct contact tracing to determine who had contact with these individuals. Once any individuals who had contact with the detected persons are identified, they too will be tested for the virus and, if necessary, required to self-isolate. As we learn more, we will be certain to inform all Vinson Hall and Willow Oak residents, families, and staff.

Recently, the VHRC Emergency Operations Committee discussed potential restrictions that would be put in place in the event of a detected case of COVID-19. At this time we are not putting restrictions in place, but will be certain to immediately inform you of any changes.

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery go out to these two individuals who have contracted this virus. These two cases are very real reminders that we continue to be in the grip of this terrible pandemic. It is also a reminder for us to continue to practice our infection control protocols – especially wearing a mask that fits snugly over your nose and mouth at all times when in public areas here on the VHRC campus and throughout the greater community. Additionally, maintain a distance of six feet or more from individuals you do not know and wash or sanitize your hands frequently. Finally, if you do not feel well, please stay at home and seek out medical guidance.