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## Statement from the Armed Forces Retirement Home

Since the COVID-19 pandemic began, the Armed Forces Retirement Home leadership's highest priority has been the continued health and safety of residents and staff at our homes in Gulfport, Mississippi, and Washington, D.C.

Unfortunately, six fully vaccinated residents have tested positive for the virus in the past few days. Because of the positive tests, the Gulfport campus cannot welcome visitors at this time. We will conduct testing of residents and staff for at least the next two weeks and require residents returning to campus be quarantined. Contact tracing, additional cleaning, and reduced activities and services are all underway to help prevent further spread.

While we hope to reopen our campus and resident activities in short order, we believe a cautious approach is necessary given the sudden emergence of these new cases. We appreciate the support and understanding of everyone in our community under these challenging circumstances.

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