



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
AGING AND LONG-TERM SUPPORT ADMINISTRATION
1200 Alder Street, Union Gap, WA 98903

Yakima AL, LLC
Avista Senior Living Yakima
5100 W Nob Hill Blvd
Yakima, WA 98908

RE: Avista Senior Living Yakima License # 2682

Dear Administrator:

This letter addresses Compliance Determination(s) 43599 (Completion Date 07/03/2024) and 41690 (Completion Date 06/03/2024).

The Department completed a follow-up inspection of your Assisted Living Facility on 07/03/2024 and found no deficiencies. Your facility meets the Assisted Living Facility licensing requirements.

The Department found that deficiencies for the following licensing laws and regulations were corrected:
WAC 388-78A-2600-2-k

The Department staff who did the on-site verification:
Felicia Cantu, Community Complaint Investigator

If you have any questions, please contact me at (509)572-7394.

Sincerely,

Michelle Closner

Michelle Closner, Field Manager
Region 1, Unit Z
Residential Care Services

This document was prepared by Residential Care Services for the Locator website.



Residential Care Services Investigation Summary Report

Provider/Facility: Avista Senior Living Yakima **Provider Type:** Assisted Living Facility

License/Cert.#: 2682

Intake ID: 131164

Compliance Determination #: 41690

Region/Unit #: RCS Region 1 / Unit G

Investigator: Michelle Closner

Investigation Date(s): 05/22/2024 through 06/03/2024

Complainant Contact Date(s):

Allegation(s):

Five named residents tested positive in the facility.

Investigation Methods:

Sample:	Total residents: 42 Resident sample size: 11 Closed records sample size:
Observations:	Residents Resident care equipment Staff to resident interactions Infection control practices Personal Protection Equipment (PPE)
Interviews:	Residents Facility staff Others not associated with the facility
Record Reviews:	Characteristic roster House policies Infection Prevention and Control Tool Resident records (infection control tracing sheet)

Investigation Summary:

Observations showed that the facility had appropriate PPE in the facility. Covid positive residents were placed in isolation, appropriate signage was posted. Interviews and record review showed that the facility was in contact with their Local Health department for guidance but did not have any current staff members mask fitted for N95 masks to protect themselves and residents from Covid-19. Failed practice identified. WAC 388-78A-2600

Conclusion / Action:

- ☒ Failed Provider Practice Identified / Citation(s) Written
- ☐ Failed Provider Practice Not Identified / No Citation Written

☐ N/A



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You are required to be in compliance at all times with all licensing laws and regulations to maintain your Assisted Living Facility license.

The department completed data collection for an unannounced on-site complaint investigation on 05/22/2024 and 05/22/2024 of:

Avista Senior Living Yakima
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This document references the following complaint number(s): 131164

The following sample was selected for review during the unannounced on-site visit: 11 of 42 current residents and 0 former residents.

The department staff that investigated the Assisted Living Facility:

Felicia Cantu, Community Complaint Investigator
Michelle Closner, Complaint Nurse Field Manager

From:
DSHS, Aging and Long-Term Support Administration
Residential Care Services, Region 1 , Unit Z
1200 Alder Street
Union Gap, WA 98903

As a result of the on-site visit(s), the department found that you are not in compliance with the licensing laws and regulations as stated in the cited deficiencies in the enclosed report.

Michelle Closner
Residential Care Services

06/18/2024
Date

I understand that to maintain an Assisted Living Facility license, the facility must be in compliance with all the licensing laws and regulations at all times.

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Administrator (or Representative)

6-18-2024

Date

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(k) To prevent and limit the spread of infections consistent with WAC 388-78A-2610 ;

This requirement was not met as evidenced by:

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Findings included...

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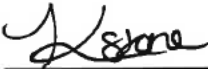
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Plan/Attestation Statement

I hereby certify that I have reviewed this report and have taken or will take active measures to correct this deficiency. By taking this action, Avista Senior Living Yakima is or will be in compliance with this law and / or regulation on (Date) 6-18-2024.

In addition, I will implement a system to monitor and ensure continued compliance with this requirement.



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