



COVID-19 SAFETY PLAN

Safety Plan

We are doing what we can to limit the spread of COVID-19 within the North Dakota Veterans Home. By communicating closely with local and state health officials, we are taking the necessary steps to minimize COVID-19.

- Over the last several months, we have completed several rounds of testing.
- When we are in "outbreak" status; routine testing of all staff and residents will occur 2x a week. Daily binax testing will take place for those who are close contacts.

The North Dakota Veterans Home is in close communication with local and state health officials to ensure all the appropriate steps are being taken. We continue to follow the guidance from the CDC and CMS to reduce the spread and impact of COVID-19, including:

- Enhanced infection control precautions.
- As of 11-2-2020, all staff has been screened at the beginning and the end of their shifts.
- All visitors are screened for symptoms.
- Following reopening phase guidelines for entry of people to the building
- Staff and residents will be tested for COVID-19 based on current protocols and availability of tests.
- Since 4-27-2021, we have followed the visitation and service guidance for skilled nursing facilities. It provides guidance in accordance with county and facility positivity rates. This covers indoor visitation, outdoor visitation, communal dining, activities, resident screening, and screening of staff and vendors.
- As of 11-20-2021, visitation can be resumed.
- **Dining/Activity Mingling Guidance:**
 - Residents are eating at designated table spaces.
 - Large group activities are in place with precautions.



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- The number of resident screenings (questions, temperature, and oxygen stats) we do are adjusted individually when potential exposure takes place.
- Residents may leave the NDVH campus while understanding that infection control measures needed upon return depend on vaccination status. This includes NDVH activities and residents going independently.
- Residents on leave longer than 24 hours will need to test for COVID-19 after returning and again at the five-day mark.
- As of 7-11-2022, we will be testing all staff routinely; at this time, that means twice weekly.

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