



## 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 staying in close communication 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.
- As of 9-14-2021 staff and residents will be tested within the “outbreak” status protocol.

The North Dakota Veterans Home is staying in close communication with local and state health officials to ensure all the appropriate steps are being done. 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 have been screened at the beginning and the end of their shifts.
- Essential 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 been following the visitation and service guidance for skilled nursing facilities. It provides guidance in accordance with county and facility positivity rate. This covers indoor visitation, outdoor visitation, communal dining, activities, resident screening and screening of staff and vendors.
- On 9-14-2021 indoor visitation is paused except for compassionate care visits.
- As of 9-14-2021 outdoor/gazebo visitation needs to be scheduled 24 hours in advance with case managers.
- **Dining/Activity Mingling Guidance:**
  - Starting 6-25-2021, if all residents present are vaccinated no masks or social distancing needed.
  - Starting 6-25-2021, if an unvaccinated resident is present everyone needs to practice social distancing, and wear facemasks.
- Starting 6-25-2021, basic and skilled care residents can socialize together following the above vaccinated/unvaccinated guidelines.



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- As of 9-14-2021, residents of basic care will be screened (questions, temperature, and oxygen stats) will take place 2x a day.
- As of 9-14-2021, residents of skilled care screening (questions, temperature, and oxygen stats) will take place 3x a day.
- Residents may leave the NDVH campus while understanding infection control measures needed upon return is dependent upon vaccination status. This includes NDVH activities and residents leaving independently.

9-14-2021