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Family Members,

This morning we received word that our county has been labeled red by the VP3 Team, this means that Ransom County has a weekly COVID-19 positivity rate of greater than 10%. Several changes will need to take place immediately at the North Dakota Veterans Home as we follow regulatory guidelines for this situation. We sincerely wish that we did not need to do this, but family visitation will need to cease at this time unless it is for compassionate care reasons. The following changes are being implemented as well:

- No communal dining.
- Individual resident activities only.
- Resident screening (questions, temperature and Oxygen Stats) will take place 3x a day.
- COVID-19 testing will take place twice weekly for residents and staff.
- Appointments will be on a medically necessary basis.

We are hopeful that we can return to less restrictive guidelines soon. The residents are our greatest inspiration during these difficult times. Although we cannot see their smiles under their facemasks, we know by the twinkle in their eyes that it is still there; true role models. Please keep all of them in your thoughts as they adjust to a new way of living.

Helpful links:

NDVH COVID-19 Safety Plan: [Safety Plan](#)
ND Statewide Map, Ransom County needs to be blue in order to advance to stage 3 in the VP3 reopening phases: [Active Cases of COVID-19 Per Capita](#)
ND Department of Health COVID-19 [ND Cases](#)

This situation is fluid and we understand if you have questions or concerns. Please feel free to reach out to us at any time.

Sincerely,

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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 10-26-2020** staff and residents will be tested 2x weekly until further notice.

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
- Screening residents, staff, and essential visitors for symptoms
- Following reopening phase guidelines for entry of people to the building
- Testing staff and residents for COVID-19 based on current protocols and availability of tests
- Following reopening phases guidelines for communal activities including social distancing and other infection control precautions
- Indoor Visitation for compassionate care cases only
- Appointments will be on a medically necessary basis **as of 10-26-2020**
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- Resident screening (questions, temperature and Oxygen Stats will take place 3x a day) **as of 10-26-2020**