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Family Members,

It has been an amazing week on campus as we celebrated Veterans Week. On Veterans Day we were able to have our first live performance in-house since COVID-19 hit. The Jamestown Drum and Bugle Corp gladly participated in rapid COVID-19 testing by our staff; once all tests returned negative results it was off to town hall (social distancing in place) for an uplifting performance. Cards, flowers, and good food were all part of the extras this week that brought smiles to our residents. The citizens of North Dakota truly know how to show their appreciation to Veterans, thank you.

Regarding COVID-19 updates we would like to share the following with you:

- We have gone 14 days with no positive test results.
- The Ransom County transmission level remains in a red level. Due to the county status, unvaccinated staff will need to continue with routine testing 2x a week.
- Residents will not need to be routinely tested.
- **Indoor visitation will resume.** Continue to **contact residents case managers to schedule** visits. Visits need to be scheduled 24 hours in advance.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. We are so thankful for your continued support!

Helpful links:

NDVH COVID-19 Safety Plan: [Safety Plan](#)

ND Department of Health COVID-19 [ND Cases](#)

Sincerely,

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VISITATION GUIDELINES

- All visits may now be done in residents' room **by appointment only**.
Schedule visits by calling a case manager.
- Visitation will be held Monday through Friday from 9a-5p and Saturday 9a-2p.
- Visitors without an appointment will be turned away until an appointment is made.
- When visiting, you will be screened in at the pod doors nearest the resident you are visiting to minimize contact with others.
- Please do not enter the building without permission.
- Visitation guidelines will be reviewed with you at the time of your screening, and you will be asked to sign that you agree to follow stated guidelines while at NDVH.
- No early entrance will be allowed.
- If you will be more than 15 minutes late, please call 701-683-6500 to notify staff.

**Case Managers can be reached.
Monday-Fridays from 8:00am to 4:30pm.**

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VISITATION GUIDELINES ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Indoor Visitation

1. All visitation **by appointment only** through a case manager.
2. Screenings will take place at the Pod Entrances.
3. Do not visit if you have any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 or if you have had close contact with someone with COVID-19 infection in the prior 14 days (regardless of vaccination status)
4. Complete hand hygiene with alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
5. Face mask must always be worn by guests. NDVH will provide a surgical mask to the guest, you should not wear your own.
6. Go directly to resident's room and complete hand hygiene with alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
7. When in the resident's room, If both the resident and visitor(s) are vaccinated, they may choose to have close contact and not wear face masks.
 - a. If the visitor(s) is not fully vaccinated, a vaccinated resident can choose to have close contact while in the room while wearing a face mask.
 - b. If both the resident and visitor are vaccinated, they can eat in the room together.
(NDVH will not be providing food/meals to visitors)
8. **Visitors should not socialize with other residents or staff.**
9. Visitors must remain in the resident's room with whom they are visiting. *Gathering in common areas is not allowed.*
10. No visitors at group activities.
11. Resident's personal bathroom should be used.
12. Complete hand hygiene following visit.
13. Please notify NDVH staff if you become ill in the next 14 days.

Signature

Date

****By signing this document, you acknowledge the above expectations and will comply with recommendations. Inability or unwillingness to maintain these precautions will restrict ability to enter this facility.**

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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 11-11-2021 we are no longer in "outbreak" status therefore routine testing of unvaccinated staff will occur 2x a week.

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.
- As of 11-11-2021 scheduled indoor visitation is able to be resumed.
- **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 11-11-2021, residents of basic care will be screened (questions, temperature, and oxygen stats) will take place 1x a day.
- As of 11-11-2021, residents of skilled care screening (questions, temperature, and oxygen stats) will take place 1x 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.

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