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Family Members,

The North Dakota Veterans Home team anticipated that the time would come when a resident would test positive, we are sad to report that time is here. Over the weekend, we had some virus activity within our resident population. We currently have four residents who have now tested positive for the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). They have been properly quarantined and transferred to our COVID-19 isolation unit here at the Home. Thank you to the staff who have been designated to care for the residents in our COVID-19 unit; you made the transition for the residents seamless.

In terms of our work force, we have had six new positive employee cases over the past week. Our employees remain vigilant with their twice a week swab testing and we will continue to monitor their test results. Testing continues to allow us to stay ahead of the virus. We must mention that our staff members continue to demonstrate their unwavering dedication in caring for our heroes.

The Safety Plan has been updated once again and we encourage you to review it on our website. Keeping the COVID-19 virus in check remains our top priority. We look forward to updating you again next week and please know that we are always a phone call away.

Please keep all the residents and staff in your thoughts and prayers.

**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](#)

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.
- 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 staff at the beginning and the end of their shifts **as of 11-2-2020**
- Screening 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
- Decreasing resident interaction **as of 11-2-2020**
- No communal dining
- Individual resident activities only
- Resident screening (questions, temperature and Oxygen Stats will take place 3x a day)