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Family Members,

As we start a new week, we want to update you on the latest happenings at the North Dakota Veterans Home. We have been notified that two residents tested positive for the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) as well as two staff members. The two residents have been properly quarantined and transferred to our COVID-19 isolation unit here at the Home. The two employees are currently quarantining at home.

Our facility-wide testing dates will be changing according to the ND Department of Health. At this time, we know we will be testing this Wednesday, Sunday the 13th and Thursday the 17th. These days will likely change, we will keep you updated as we are made aware of any changes.

Residents and their family members have brought up some questions regarding the COVID-19 Vaccine. Several of the questions have been related to the possible impact the vaccine may have on daily life on campus. Questions have been asked concerning guidelines on visitation, leave of absences and resuming group activities and dining. The ND Department of Health has given us the following guidance: It is unknown at this time how effective the COVID-19 vaccine will be, so until additional information is available, even if you are vaccinated, you still need to take additional measures to prevent COVID-19. So currently the answer is no, none of the guidelines will change.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact us for further information.

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](#)

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