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Family Members,

We are writing this letter to give you an update on the results from our latest facility wide COVID-19 testing event. We were notified that one staff member tested positive. The staff member is isolating at home and is following the return-to-work guidelines. This individual is one of three unique cases we have had in which the individual had a positive test prior. As required these individuals did not test for 90 days, soon after they resumed testing, they tested positive again.

Due to the positive test results the North Dakota Veterans Home needs to implement the following changes:

- Testing weekly, this week we will test on Friday, February 26th.
- Visitations will take place in the four-season detached gazebo (indoor visitation for compassionate care cases only)
- Resident screenings will take place 3x daily.

The above changes are reflected in our updated Safety Plan which is attached to this e-mail and/or can be found on our COVID-19 tab on our website. Our team is optimistic that this is a minor set-back.

As a facility we were hoping to announce that after the residents received their 2nd COVID-19 vaccine and were 2 weeks post, that we would be able to relax some rules, particularly concerning residents leaving campus and returning without the 14-day isolation period. With current guidelines we are not able to do this. Residents can take leave, however please note, they will be under a 14-day isolation period upon their return to the facility. The only exception to this is if the resident is accompanied by a staff member while outside of the facility. As soon as this changes we will share the news.

Please let us know if we can answer any questions. Thank you for your support and encouragement.

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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