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Family Members,

Happy February to all of you! For nearly ten months you have been receiving weekly updates from the North Dakota Veterans Home, including several notifications throughout the week at times. We are hopeful that you will be receiving less notifications in 2021. If we do have a positive case you will be notified, please know that no news is good news. We were thankful to learn that there were no positive cases from the facility-wide test on January 29th. To add to that, we have no residents or staff that are currently positive for COVID-19. Due to the downward trend of positive cases we have moved to weekly COVID-19 testing which has been welcomed by staff and residents.

As we mentioned in our last letter, we have begun implementing some changes in guidelines related to dining, activities, and facility life for residents. For the first time in many months we witnessed a glimpse of the way life was prior to the pandemic. The facemasks could not hinder the smiles in residents' eyes as they strolled down our main street area to get their mail, stop by the library to check out a new book or to simply get out and see some fellow residents and staff. From the very beginning of this situation the residents have been our role models and have taken each day in stride. We want nothing more than for our residents to see their family members and partake in outings they enjoy. Please join us as we continue to practice safety measures to make this a reality for our heroes.

Please do not hesitate to contact us for further information. We are in this together!

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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