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Family Members,

More good news from the North Dakota Veterans home as we transition into Spring; all results from our March 18<sup>th</sup> COVID-19 testing returned negative. The March 18<sup>th</sup> testing event was for staff only as regulations have changed on requiring residents to test. Residents may be required to test in the future however our numbers have been good, so residents were able to forgo this round of testing.

Last week we shared with you that the North Dakota VP3 (Vulnerable Population Protection Plan) team was creating recommendations for North Dakota basic and skilled care facilities to follow. Recommendations and guidelines from the VP3 team are not in place yet. The VP3 team consults with CMS (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services), the VP3 team is waiting on answers to specific questions. Please join us as we optimistically wait for news next week.

Thank you for what has now been a year of testing, quarantining, and waiting. This period has challenged all and we are grateful for the cooperation from you and our many supporters. Please continue to book visitations with your loved ones on Thursdays and Saturdays as we continue with our current visitation guidelines.

**Helpful links:**

NDVH Visitation: [NDVH Visitation Bookings](#)

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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