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Family Members,

We hope this letter finds you well on this beautiful spring day. Regarding updates on the COVID-19 situation at the North Dakota Veterans Home, all results are in from the 5-12-2021 facility-wide testing event. As we reported yesterday, we have one positive staff member, that number has not changed. The next testing date for residents and staff is scheduled for May 18th. To get back to indoor visitation we need to go two weeks without a positive test result amongst staff or residents. We are hopeful that this will happen soon.

There have been changes made to visitation that we want you to be aware of. We urge you to read the Visitation Guidelines which is attached to this letter and can also be found on the COVID-19 tab on our website.

Visitation highlights:

- Visitation will take place in the Basic Courtyard/Pavilion area in one-hour increments with up to 4 visitors per resident.
- Screenings will take place in the courtyard prior to the visit.
- If both resident and visitor(s) are fully vaccinated while alone in a space, they can choose to have close contact and to not wear source control. If either resident or visitor are not fully vaccinated, while alone in a space, a vaccinated resident can choose to have close contact with their unvaccinated visitor(s) while both continue to wear source control.
- Please remember all visits must be scheduled in advance by calling a case manager.

Feel free to reach out us with any concerns or questions. Have a wonderful weekend!

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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GUIDELINES FOR VISITATION

Outdoor Visitation

- Resident or visitor will contact case manager to schedule visits.
- All visitations will be by appointment only.
- Visitation will take place in the Basic Courtyard/Pavilion area in 1 hour increments with up to 4 visitors per resident.
- Up to 4 groups of guests will be allowed in the courtyard at one time.
- Visitors who are unable to adhere to guidelines of COVID-19 infection prevention will not be permitted to visit or will be asked to leave. (Such as children under age 2 who are unable to wear a mask)
- Screenings will take place in the courtyard prior to the visit. **Do not visit if you have any of the following symptoms:** *cough, congestion/runny nose, sore throat, muscle/body aches, headache, fatigue, shortness of breath, chills, new loss of taste/smell, nausea/vomiting, or diarrhea; or if you have had close contact with someone with COVID-19 infection in the past 14 days.*
- Complete hand hygiene with alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- If both resident and visitor(s) are **fully vaccinated** while alone in a space, they can choose to have close contact and to not wear source control. If either resident or visitor are **not fully vaccinated**, while alone in a space, a vaccinated resident can choose to have close contact with their unvaccinated visitor(s) while both continue to wear source control.
- **You cannot eat or drink during this visit.**
- Complete hand hygiene following visit.
- BinaxNOW Rapid Testing is available but not required.
- If you become ill within 14 days following your visit- please notify NDVH staff.

Schedule ALL visits with Case Managers a minimum of 24 hours in advance.

Case Managers can be reached.

Monday-Fridays from 8:00am to 4:30pm.

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GUIDELINES FOR VISITATION

Compassionate Care Visits (contact your case manager to determine if appropriate)

- All visits must be scheduled in advance by calling a case manager.
- Visits will take place in the resident's room. Up to 4 visitors will be allowed to visit at one time, this may vary depending upon resident needs.
- Visitors who are unable to adhere to guidelines of COVID-19 infection prevention will not be permitted to visit or will be asked to leave. (Such as children under age 2 who are unable to wear a mask)
- Screenings will take place at the Pod Entrance prior to the visit. **Do not visit if you have any of the following symptoms:** *cough, congestion/runny nose, sore throat, muscle/body aches, headache, fatigue, shortness of breath, chills, new loss of taste/smell, nausea/vomiting, or diarrhea; or if you have had close contact with someone with COVID-19 infection in the past 14 days.*
- Complete hand hygiene with alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- If both resident and visitor(s) are **fully vaccinated** while alone in a room/space, they can choose to have close contact and to not wear source control. If either resident or visitor are **not fully vaccinated**, while alone in a room/space, a vaccinated resident can choose to have close contact with their unvaccinated visitor(s) while both continue to wear source control.
- **You cannot eat or drink during this visit.**
- Visitor must stay in resident's room and will not be allowed in common areas.
- Complete hand hygiene following visit.
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- If you become ill within 14 days following your visit- please notify NDVH staff.

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Park here, then walk the last stretch.

B Pod

Gazebo

Main Entrance

C Pod

Receiving Area

D Pod

