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Family Members,

Good news! At this time, we remain to have no positive cases of COVID-19 among residents or staff. We are grateful that we remain COVID-19 free, as it enables us to continue with family visitations. Indoor and outdoor visitations continue to be **by appointment**. We want to thank you for working with the case managers in scheduling your visits.

### Scheduled Visitations

Indoor visitations can take place in the facility with one visitor per resident at a time.

Outdoor visitations can take place with up to four guests

**Schedule ALL visits with Case Managers in advance:**

Case Managers can be reached Monday-Fridays from 8:00am to 4:30pm.

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### Taking loved ones out

Call the nurses station to arrange this

B POD 701-683-6520

C POD 701-683-6570

D POD 701-683-6510

We continue to be in Phase 2 of the VP3 reopening phase. Please note in order for us to keep moving forward with reopening as well as continuing with visitations, Ransom County must be identified as a low-risk level county (blue) on the statewide map found here: [Active Cases of COVID Per Capita](#).

## **Safety Plan**

We are doing what we can to limit the spread of COVID-19 within the North Dakota Veterans Home. By staying in close communication with local and state health officials we are taking the necessary steps to minimize COVID.

- On July 15th we tested 256 staff and residents, we have not received any positive results.
- We have completed over 1,006 tests in our four facility-wide testings.
- Moving forward, staff will continue to be tested every two weeks. The next round of testing is tentatively scheduled for August 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Residents will only be tested if they present with symptoms.

The North Dakota Veterans Home is staying in close communication with local and state health officials to ensure all the appropriate steps are being done. We continue to follow the guidance from the CDC and CMS to reduce the spread and impact of COVID-19, including:

- Enhanced infection control precautions
- Screening residents, staff, and essential visitors for symptoms
- Following reopening phase guidelines for visitation and entry of people to the building
- Testing staff and residents for COVID-19 based on current protocols and availability of tests
- Following reopening phases guidelines for communal activities including social distancing and other infection control precautions
- Continuing to work through the re-opening phases.

Thank you for your continued patience as we navigate through the reopening phases. As soon as we are made aware of more information we will notify you. Please feel free to reach out to us with questions regarding your family member.

Sincerely,

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