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Family Members,

Ransom County currently has ten active cases of COVID-19; our county remains in the **yellow** category. Source Control is still our focus. We encourage all families that arrange scheduled visits to continue safe practices. As we mentioned last week, residents have been provided with education due to updates in guidelines: *When traveling off grounds occurs in the **yellow** area, upon return a mask must be worn when out of their room and a respiratory assessment will be completed twice daily for 14 days. With the increase in cases we have also asked residents to wear a facemask when they are outside of their pod.*

Requests have been received by some family members to switch to just one form of messaging for weekly notifications. Some have asked that we only contact them via email. We can send notifications out via phone, text or e-mail. Please contact your loved one's case manager with your preference or send an email: sjschlecht@nd.gov.

On August 27th we tested 155 staff members, we are awaiting results. As always, we thank you for your support as we work together to keep your family member safe. Please feel free to contact us at the numbers listed if you have any concerns or questions.

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](#)

Scheduled Visitation Hours: [Visitation Information](#)

Sincerely,

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