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To Residents and Family Members:

On Wednesday, May 20th approximately 274 COVID-19 tests were performed at the North Dakota Veterans Home. After receiving the results over a couple of days; we were notified by the North Dakota Department of Health that a single test sample came back as a positive for COVID-19. This staff member has not worked at the Veterans Home since before the testing. The North Dakota Department of Health decides based on certain criteria if a positive test will be listed on their website as a positive for a facility. Please use the ND Department of Health website as a guide regarding positive results for Long-term care facilities; results can be found by scrolling down on this link.: <https://www.health.nd.gov/diseases-conditions/coronavirus/north-dakota-coronavirus-cases> .

We have met with residents and explained the results. Our staff leadership team has been assured by the Health Department that our risks of having COVID-19 in the building is minimal. Our plan is to meet with staff to discuss what can be done to assure staff working at second jobs are all using proper safety precautions.

At this time our thoughts and prayers are with the individual who tested positive and we look forward to their return once they test negative and are permitted to return per CDC and Health Department guidelines. Please be assured we continue to follow CDC guidelines as taking care of Veterans and their spouse is our top priority. Extra cleaning within the building is taking place, and staff must take their temperatures prior to their shift and complete a symptom assessment. Staff are wearing masks and face shields while caring for residents. The COVID-19 issue continues to be a fluid issue and things will change hourly, daily and weekly.

We have exceptional staff doing extraordinary things. Our residents continually amaze us with their understanding and adaption to this new way of living. Thank you for your support and patience during these difficult times.

Sincerely,

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