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To Residents and Family Members:

Thank you for giving us an opportunity to give you an update on the status of COVID-19 at the North Dakota Veterans Home, including the number of confirmed cases as well as efforts we are undertaking. The safety and well-being of our residents is our top priority. We are doing what we can to limit the spread of COVID-19 within the facility.

- Prior to June 12th, 2020, we have had two staff with confirmed cases of COVID-19. We are pleased to share that both staff members have recovered from COVID-19.
- On June 12th we tested 254 staff and residents, and all were negative.
- We have completed over 500 tests including two facility-wide testing's.

The North Dakota Veterans Home is staying in very close communication with local and state health officials to ensure we are taking all the appropriate steps under current circumstances. We are also following guidance from the CDC and CMS to reduce the spread and impact of COVID-19, such as:

- Enhanced infection control precautions
- Screening residents, staff, and essential visitors for symptoms
- Restricting visitation and entry of people to the building
- Testing staff and residents for COVID-19 based on current protocols and availability of tests
- Postponing or carefully limiting communal activities including social distancing and other infection control precautions
- Starting to work on the re-opening phase with the VP3 on a checklist to reopen the facility (please see the attachment on our website titled [VP3 Facility Reopening Guidelines](#)).

When a resident tests positive, we notify residents and their representative(s) of their condition and implement protocols for their care and treatment. We also follow guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). If a staff member tests positive, we also follow guidance from CMS and the CDC, including return to work protocols.

Due to government privacy requirements, we cannot divulge specific information about the individuals who have confirmed or suspected COVID-19, unless they are your family member and you have the necessary permissions to receive such information.

We know that you may have questions and we encourage you to contact our facility at 701-683-6500.

Sincerely,

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