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Family Members,

Governor Doug Burgum and the North Dakota Long Term Care Association designated Tuesday, June 23, as Silver Linings Day in our state. This date was set aside to say, "Thank you!" to our long-term care community for going above and beyond during these challenging times. The community of Lisbon presented their appreciation with a terrific car parade for residents and staff; the weather was perfect.

It has been a joy to witness residents reunite with their family members via outdoor visitation. Thank you for your patience in adherence to the outdoor visitation guidelines that we must follow. If you have not done so and are interested in scheduling an outdoor visit with your family member, **schedule, in advance with your loved one's case manager**. Please read the guideline on outdoor visitation, which is posted on our website.

Our third round of **group testing will be held on Sunday, June 28th for residents and staff**. As we have shared previously, you will be contacted if your loved one is suspected to have or diagnosed with COVID-19. We have been informed that it will take four days for us to receive the test results from the state lab. We will notify families as soon as we have the final information,

As of today, we are in Phase I of the VP3 Facility Reopening Guidelines. There are several factors that determine when we proceed to Phase 2. One factor that we want all to be aware of is that Ransom County must be identified as a low-risk level county on the statewide map. For more information on the please read the [VP3 Facility Reopening Guidelines](#), which is posted on the COVID-19 update tab on our website

Safety Plan

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 North Dakota Veterans Home, including staying in very close communication with local and state health officials to ensure we are taking all the appropriate steps under current circumstances.

- 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
- 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](#)).

We encourage you to call us at 701-683-6500 for updates on the status of your loved one. We are in this together.

Sincerely,

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