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Good Morning Friends and Family,

As you know, these are truly difficult times in everyone's lives as we continue to work through this pandemic. I hope you as family members realize that the restriction we have put in place is something none of us wanted to do. However, this is the directive we have been given by the ND Department of Health, CDC and the Center for Medicaid and Medicare. This directive, although difficult, is for the protection of our elderly population as they are vulnerable to this virus.

An outbreak of Covid-19 can occur from pre-symptomatic or asymptomatic spread. For this reason, under the direction of Governor Burgum, on May 7<sup>th</sup> our Health Department will be assisting us in screening all Sheyenne Care Center staff and residents. We will be reaching out to you and our residents for approval to conduct this screening. Although the screening gives results it does not ensure us or anyone that this would stop the virus from entering the Sheyenne Care Center. It does however add one more layer of protection.

This testing is a snapshot in time, which means it is very important that if your test comes back negative that you still maintain all necessary infection prevention measures. We continue to promote proper hand hygiene, masking and social distancing. It is up to each of us to continue these practices throughout our daily lives to limit the spread of Covid-19.

We want to thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate this uncharted territory. We look forward to the day when we can open our doors and welcome you all back in. I also want to reach out and thank all of the employees at Sheyenne Care Center for doing an awesome job during this difficult time.

Thank You,

Craig Christianson, CEO