

9/10/2020

Good afternoon Families and Friends,

As we work through another holiday we prayed that everyone - employees, families, and friends had a safe and enjoyable Labor Day Weekend. If you are like my wife and I it was another very quiet weekend missing our family gathering during this pandemic.

It has been a hard and stressful experience trying to balance the needs of residents and families but also making sure we are protecting our residents and their safety. As you all hopefully understand that we are being guided by our ND State Health Dept., CDC and CMS on what we are to be doing during the onset of this pandemic. This means that rules and guidelines change on a weekly basis and the requirements when COVID is present need to be in place for everyone safety.

We have been blessed over the past 7 months that none of our residents have been infected here at Sheyenne Care Center.

On 9/2/2020 Sheyenne Care Center went through a testing cycle on staff only. The results of the COVID testing started coming back to us on Friday the 4th and Saturday the 5th with 2 employees testing positive, both being caregivers. Due to the fact that we require all staff to wear face masks and eye shields at all time reduces the exposure to residents and other staff and is identified by the State Health Dept. as minimal risk. This does not mean the risk is gone but we are hoping we have prevented it from spreading.

With the spike in positive COVID's in Barnes County and the two employees testing positive puts Sheyenne Care Center in restrictions and isolation procedures. This means we had to stop visitation to prevent the spread of COVID to other residents, staff and visitors until the health department is confident we do not have an outbreak. We are continually monitoring residents and staff for signs of COVID throughout every day and as of today we are not experiencing any symptoms from any of our residents and employees.

September 9th we were required to go through a full scale testing of residents and staff with results coming back again on Friday or Saturday of this week. This weekly testing will continue through the month of September and possibly into October if the County positive COVID continues to go up.

We here at Sheyenne Care Center are trying everything we can to come up with a safe way to re-open families and residents visitation and allow you and your love one to see one another. I will update you as we work through this spike of COVID in Barnes County.

Thank You for your support.

Craig Christianson, CEO