

Good Morning Families

I'm glad to inform you that with the new formula the ND State Health Department is using put Barnes County at a lower outbreak then what was being identified by our Federal Govt. With this news we are re-opening outside visitation from 2:00 to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday. Social Services will be only scheduling one resident visit per hour at a time. Please be understanding to others and we will try our best during this difficult time to meet everyone wishes. We have updated our guidelines and we continue to ask that during visitation that resident and families wear mask and stay 6 feet apart. Please follow the guidelines which I will place on our Web page.

Thank you and if you have any questions please call.  
Craig Christianson, CEO

## **Outside Visitation**

### **Policy:**

To ensure the safety of all the residents and staff at Sheyenne Care Center outside visitation will be provided under guidelines that will provide a safe and protected area for residents, staff, and families. These guidelines identified in this policy will follow the precautionary procedures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 during a declared public health emergency. We will continue following the CMS, CDC and ND Department of Health guidelines on how to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

It is under strict guidelines that these steps are followed. If individuals do not follow the guidelines the visitation will be discontinued until further instructions from CMS, CDC and ND Department of Health are released.

### **Procedures:**

Outside visitation will take place in two locations. North building which would include Union Square, Hi Line Square, Sycamore and Cottage will have access to the North courtyard. The north entrance to the Multi-building will be sectioned off with a white fence for residents of Prairie Rose and Valley View and family can visit.

Outside visitation areas are required to follow all guidelines to protect the residents and staff safety from the spread of COVID-19.

All residents will remain in designated areas as assigned by building.

1. Residents are NOT PERMITTED to leave designated outdoor areas or grounds with anyone during this pandemic. This will be reassessed as state/federal government guidelines change.
2. All family members must remain outside the designated area which are identified by the gate and/or tape on the ground at all times.
3. The scheduling of visitation will be done between the hours of 9:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday for outside visitation. Visitation times will be from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at one hour per visit Monday through Friday each week. **Please understand and**

respect other residents and families by not scheduling more than one visit per hour per day or until further notice.

4. All family visits need to be scheduled in coordination with social services on resident's floor with no more than 1 residents outside at a time per designated area.
5. All residents and family members will need to stay 6 feet apart at all times.
6. Residents and families must be wearing a face mask.
7. Physical contact of any kind is NOT PERMITTED.
8. Sharing of food/beverages is NOT PERMITTED.
9. Exchanging items is NOT PERMITTED. All gifts or items for residents must be dropped off at the front office for processing per our current policy.
10. During a declared public health emergency such as COVID-19. Visitation will need to be limited to one hour.
11. A staff member of Sheyenne Care Center will need to be present at all times.

This is not our normal procedures and we apologize for this policy during the COVID pandemic. We will try our best to meet your request but our overall effort is to protect everyone the best we can throughout this pandemic.

I'm asking all visitors to please follow the guidelines. If guidelines are not followed those individuals will be restricted from visiting their loved one. It will also jeopardize our ability to provide outside visitation. If you have any questions or would like to set up a time for a visit, please

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We will be starting this organized visitation process slowly, but please keep in mind we will need to allow time for all residents family visits.