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Good Morning Families and Friends

We at Sheyenne Care Center continue to monitor the updated testing map we receive from the ND Health Department on the positivity of each county. Today map shows that Barnes County continues to be in the red which means that our community is still experiencing a high positive COVID-19 outbreak. This high level positivity rate in our county continues to play a big factor in our residents and family visitation. As long as our community continues to have a high level of positive COVID-19, we at the Sheyenne Care Center will continue to have restrictions in which we will need to follow. I do see our county numbers going down and will continue to monitor this so that we can as soon as possible move back into allowing visitations as soon as we can.

All we can do is to hope and pray that the citizens of Barnes County will be considerate to those around us and the illness this virus can do if someone is infected. We are moving closer to a vaccine with discussion of availability by the end of the Month from our State Health Department. But, it is still up to us to control this virus and protect our neighbors as we have always done.

Last week the Sheyenne Care Center COVID test occurred on Tuesday (12/01) and Friday (12/04). I'm pleased to report that the numbers of positivity's are down considerably with both residents and staff. The residents who continue to test positive are moved into isolation and families have been contacted and are being cared for by our caring staff. Our employees test results all have come back negative which is a very good sign for residents and co-workers. We constantly are working on ways to stop this virus from spreading. I feel that our response time once notified from the state on positive cases is immediately addressed whether it is during the day, the weekend, or in the middle of the night. I truly appreciate the staff and their understanding and the importance of making sure we do what we need to do at any time throughout the day. We have now acquired a disinfectant spraying machine where we will be able to disinfect and clean resident's areas in a more efficient and faster way to make sure we are deep cleaning resident's areas of this virus in hopes that it will prevent the spread.

Our next COVID testing period is December 7<sup>th</sup> and December 10<sup>th</sup>. Please continue to be safe, social distance, wear mask, and wash hands / sanitize frequently to protect yourself and others from this virus.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me or the nurse manager in the area in which your loved one lives.

Thanks you and be safe.

Craig Christianson, CEO