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Dear Families and Friends

The COVID test results for Sheyenne Care Center are back and as of 9/16/2020 both residents and staff were 100% negative. This is great news especially since Barnes County is experiencing a spike in the coronavirus.

During this difficult time, we are trying our best to keep 170 of our residents who are most vulnerable safe from this virus. This becomes very difficult when we try to balance family visits with guidelines. Yes, our guidelines may seem insensitive but these are guidelines that are being passed down to all LTC facilities in an effort to keep residents safe. Understanding that we have staff coming and going daily but we do not screen visitors several times a day and/or test them weekly for COVID. All it takes is one family member to infect their loved one by not following the guidelines to bring the virus into Sheyenne Care Center. By the time that infected residents start to show signs in symptoms, they have already infected others who live here also.

Insensitive, yes I agree the guidelines are, but when I look at the infection of several possible many residents by not following these guidelines, I would rather follow guidelines for a period of time to protect what could be a fatal virus to the resident who lives here. Please, I hope you understand my reasoning and I'm always open to visiting with anyone who has concerns.

If you have a chance please be tested for COVID-19. It could be a life-changing event for residents and yourself. Our next COVID testing is on 9/23/2020.

Thank You,

Craig Christianson, CEO