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## **Dear Families and Friends**

Today bring a new day for all of us at Sheyenne Care Center and we pray that our Lord guides us in the right direction with decision we make during the spread of this virus throughout the County.

I want to inform all, that we have been addressing a positive outbreak of COVID-19 throughout the week. This was traced back to resident leaving the facility for a medical need in Fargo and returned to the facility with COVID-19. This truly shows that this virus is easily contracted by anyone who is not following safety precautions and how quickly it spreads. I cannot stress enough the importance we play in controlling the spread of this virus and the decisions we make on a daily basis. It truly does have an effect on the many individuals we come in contact with on a daily bases. Please make smart decisions on what you do and protect yourself and the many others that rely on all of us to be safe.

All family members POA's, Guardians, and first contact individuals have been contacted if their loved one have tested positive. Those family members who have not been contacted by our nurses are safe and we continue to care for them and protect them throughout the outbreak. Barnes County is struggling with a community outbreak also and has moved staff and resident testing at the Care Center to twice a week. We have restricted residents and staff from moving throughout the building as much as possible and have staff staying in their work area during their shifts. We also have professional cleaning service coming in to deep clean resident's areas to remove any possible virus within the resident environment.

It is so clear to me that when I have stated, "we are in this together" how real this is. If we do not take a role ourselves in being smart and safe at what we do, this virus will continue to infect our population. Washing hands, wearing a mask, and social distancing is so simple to do; we should have control over this virus rather than the virus controlling us.

Thank you! Craig Christianson, CEO