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## **The North Dakota State Hospital is limiting visitors**

BISMARCK, N.D. – Following the guidance from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the North Dakota State Hospital in Jamestown announced visitor restrictions today to protect the health and well-being of patients and staff. No visitors are allowed for the next 30 days.

The hospital will assess the risk to patients and staff for coronavirus (COVID-19) transmission and evaluate visitation policies again on April 11.

Items for patients can be dropped off at the main entrance of the LaHaug building. Patients can continue to communicate with friends and family by phone, computers or other electronic devices.

The goal is to limit transmission. To date, North Dakota has had one individual test positive for COVID-19, but the case did not involve community transmission.

The hospital appreciates the public's cooperation and understanding.

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