



MESSAGE FROM
SUPERINTENDENT RICHARDSON

“The COVID-19 pandemic has, and will continue, to impact our lives and our future. Yet how we respond to this challenge determines our success in winning this fight.

I’m proud of our great team here at the Michael J. Fitzmaurice SD State Veterans Home. Their dedication, commitment and strong spirit are demonstrated every day. They have come together like no other force.

We have activated our Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP), which establishes direct response and management, ensuring that critical functions continue within the Home.

We are following the Veterans Affairs, Department of Health directives and Center for Disease Control guidelines for protecting our residents and staff.

We are conducting staff screenings as they enter the Home and begin their shifts and we are screening our residents daily with full vitals.

We have a role to play in managing our response to this crisis. Our response has been swift and will demand our attention for some time. As we have come to understand over the past few days and weeks, the only thing constant is change.

With local, state, and national partners at our side we are prepared to adjust our pandemic plans as needed.

We are being challenged, but it is at times like this that we come together as a state, a community and a department to take care of your loved ones.”