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Collette Fitness Center in Grafton closes to public access

BISMARCK, N.D. – The Collette Fitness Center located on the Life Skills and Transition Center (LSTC) campus in Grafton has closed to the public for the next 30 days to protect the health and well-being of the public, people served at the center and staff.

The change in public access is effective immediately, and is due to the risk of coronavirus (COVID-19) transmission. The LSTC will re-evaluate the public closure policy again on April 15. At this time, the closure of the fitness center to the public does not affect other entities that lease business space from the LSTC.

Individuals supported at the center will continue to have access to the fitness center and indoor pool in small groups and at limited times.

The LSTC appreciates the cooperation and understanding from people in the Grafton community and region.

This closure coincides with a visitor restriction policy implemented on March 16 at the LSTC. No visitors are allowed in the LSTC for the next 30 days. Leadership at the LSTC will re-evaluate the visitation policy again on April 15. The center is using a health screening tool for employees and will continue to monitor the risk to individuals for coronavirus (COVID-19) transmission.

The LSTC is a state-operated, comprehensive support agency serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. It is part of the North Dakota Department of Human Services.

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