



NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release:
June 1, 2011

For More Information, Contact:
Stacy Eberl
Public Information Officer
North Dakota Department of Health
Phone: 701.328.4619
E-mail: sleberl@nd.gov

State Health Department Helping To Coordinate Evacuation of Trinity Homes in Minot

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health is helping to coordinate the evacuation of Trinity Homes, a nursing home facility, in Minot, N.D.

Minot city officials have recommended the evacuation of the facility because of the current flooding concerns. The evacuation of 231 nursing home residents started this morning, Wednesday, June 1, 2011. Residents will be transferred to other facilities in the state.

The Department of Health is working with officials in Minot and the state's long-term care facilities to coordinate evacuation of residents. Efforts include:

- Obtaining an executive order from Governor Dalrymple waiving certain provisions for licensure of medical facilities and medical personnel.
- Deploying transportation assets, including the deployment of one stretcher bus, five wheelchair buses, and 17 wheelchair vans. The department has also deployed medical volunteers to help staff buses while residents are being transferred.
- Working with nursing home facilities across the state to identify availability of beds for evacuated residents.
- Connecting the evacuating facility with facilities able to receive residents.
- Tracking the transfer of each resident, including name of resident, facility evacuated from, and facility evacuated to.

Not all residents of the evacuated facilities will be transferred to other facilities. Instead, some residents have been discharged to family members.

For more information, contact Stacy Eberl, North Dakota Department of Health, at 701.328.4619.

– 30 –

Please note: To access archived news releases and other information, visit the North Dakota Department of Health Press Room at www.nddohpressroom.gov.