This letter was written by a patient from Nob Hill Lodge, a sanatorium (hospital) that treated people who suffered from Tuberculosis. After reading the letter and the background information answer the questions below.

When was this letter written? Were there any special holidays or events mentioned?

Who is this letter written to and from? What is their relationship?

What did Ida enjoy for Christmas dinner?

How did Nob Hill sanatorium care for its patients (think about diet, sleeping arrangements, etc.)?

In Ida’s letter, what different things does she mention that she must pay for during her hospital stay?

How does Ida describe the weather?

What is Ida worried about?
Why do you think Ida wants her family’s home to be disinfectected?

How much weight did Ida gain? Why do you think the hospital is tracking her weight?

When Ida wrote this letter, she was being treated for Tuberculosis at the Nob Hill Sanatorium. Is anything she describes in the letter similar to our experiences with the COVID-19 pandemic?

If you were Ida and had left your home to get treatment for Tuberculosis, what would you want to share with your family? Choose a family member to write a brief letter to about your experience being treated for Tuberculosis at a sanatorium in Colorado.

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