

Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

As we are now into Day 82 in our fight against the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), we want to give you a current update on our situation. We continue to be on guard against the virus and will proceed with additional resident testing to better track the path of this invisible and wicked illness. While COVID-19 is highly contagious and unpredictable, we are still committed to staying ahead of the illness, as it continues to remain firm on Long Island.

Currently there are 61 residents who fall in the category of positive for the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Fifty-nine are at the Home and two are receiving treatment at Stony Brook University Hospital. Please know that we now have 93 residents who have recovered from the virus. We are utilizing 21 days after the initial diagnosis as our indicator for recovery. There have been no deaths associated with the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) since we last updated you on May 29, 2020.

As it relates to our workforce, we have had 103 employees test positive for the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) since March 10, 2020. Thirty-two employees are recuperating at their homes and 71 have fully recovered and are back to work. As you know, we have had great compliance with the Governor's Executive Order to have all our employees tested twice a week. This Executive Order is effective until June 9, 2020, and we are awaiting word if it might be extended or modified. We will update you on any new information as we receive it.

This week we are participating in a FDA Study to validate the accuracy of saliva testing for the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). We will be securing saliva samples on a volunteer basis from qualified residents and sending the collection to Stony Brook University Hospital for review. The LISVH is pleased to participate in this important project, as this is one of the benefits to being part of Stony Brook Medicine. Creating new technology is exciting for all of us here and we are glad to be part of this FDA validation project.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) remains adequate and our staff continues to have all the supplies they need to fulfill their duties as caregivers. We have had additional deliveries this week and remain in stock pile mode at this time. Again, to all our donors, thank you for your selfless contributions over the past three months. Your actions make a difference.

In closing, we remain grateful to all our families for the faith and trust you have bestowed us since March 10, 2020. As always, we are committed to providing a safe and comfortable environment for your loved one. We know that you are enduring this restrictive situation as best you can; we cannot wait to return to normal. Please don't hesitate to call us if we can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

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