

Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

As we approach the middle of October, we would like to update you on the status of our battle against the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Last Friday, we had the good fortune to report that we were virus-free thus allowing limited family visiting to occur on Saturday, October 10, 2020. After accommodating a few families, we received updated lab results identifying new cases of the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) among our residents.

Between Sunday and Monday of the Columbus holiday weekend, we had five residents test positive for the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). All five residents are asymptomatic and have been properly cohorted and quarantined within our Home. Three of the five residents already had the virus during the spring of this year. Two of the residents are new cases, but again, remain asymptomatic and are resting comfortably at the Home. We have stated from the beginning that the virus is invisible and elusive. We continue to learn more about it each and every day.

On a positive note, we have had no new cases among our staff since September 23, 2020. All 148 of our employees who have tested positive for the virus are fully recovered and are back to work. Our staff, as well as all nursing home workers in New York State, continue to be tested every week as per the Governor's Executive Order. The current Executive Order is active until November 3, 2020; however, we do believe it will be extended once again.

Based on new cases of the virus, we had to suspend limited family visitation once again. If no new additional cases occur among residents or employees, we are planning to restart visiting during the week of October 26th, 2020. As we get closer to this date, our social workers will reach out to you directly. If your visit was postponed, we apologize for any inconvenience, including your COVID-19 test. Please know that we continue to abide by all mandatory regulations established by federal, state and local regulators. As always, our focus remains on the care we provide to your loved one.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the families who donated to the Long Island State Veterans Home's Therapeutic Recreation Fund through Stony Brook Giving Day. All proceeds go to our veterans as we provide quality of life activities, despite the global pandemic. An astonishing \$14,566 from 168 donors was raised thus far. Stony Brook Giving Day has been extended through Friday, October 16, 2020. We hope you will consider being part of our only fundraising event this year.

Thank you again for your ongoing patience and fortitude as we deal with this continuous public health event. Continue to practice the 3 W's:

- *Wear a Mask*
- *Wash Your Hands*
- *Watch Your Distance*

In addition, please know that we are always available to you.

Sincerely,

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