

Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

As we end another week in our battle against the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), we want to once again provide you with the latest news on our situation at the Home. As of this writing, we are **completely free** of the virus. There are no residents and no employees with the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) at this time. We are exactly at the seven-month mark from when we closed our doors to visiting. It has been a long and arduous time for all involved. While limited family visitation will begin tomorrow, we are very excited to be able to reconnect in person with all our families.

We have submitted our required NY Forward Safety Plan and Visitation Policy to the New York State Department of Health. Please understand that reopening for visits comes with additional regulations that we must abide by and follow. Here are some brief reminders about the process:

- All visits must be scheduled in advance. Your Social Worker will contact you to arrange your visit.
- Visiting is limited to two people for one 30-minute period.
- All visitors will need to provide evidence of a negative COVID-19 PCR test result received within seven days of your scheduled visit (NOT A RAPID OR ANTIGEN TEST). Call the NYSDOH Hotline at 1-888-364-3065 or visit the NYSDOH website to find a free testing site.
- Masks must be worn by visitors throughout their visit. In addition, social distancing must be maintained at all times.
- Unfortunately, there can be no visitors under the age of 18 at this time.
- LISVH will provide masks and hand sanitizer for your convenience.
- Exchange of food or personal items will not be allowed during the assigned visit time.
- **All prearranged visits are subject to being cancelled due to any new cases of the virus. Please keep this in mind.**

Your adherence to all our reminders is very much appreciated. Please know that we are working hard to accommodate all families in an equitable and fair manner. We appreciate your ongoing patience and fortitude as we look forward to seeing you all.

In closing, we want you to know that 2020 has been a challenging year for our fundraising efforts. The Annual LISVH Golf Classic was cancelled due to the virus. The funds we raise from this event go directly to enhancing our Therapeutic Recreation programs. Luckily, we have an alternative opportunity this month. On October 8, 2020, the Stony Brook Foundation initiated Giving Day online. This is an opportunity to show your support for our veterans and their caregivers. As of this writing, 160 donors have donated \$13,591. You can join the effort by clicking onto <https://givingday2020.stonybrook.edu/o/stony-brook-university/i/givingday2020/s/Long%20Island%20State%20Veterans%20Home's%20Therapeutic%20Recreation%20Fund-NsGx1A-Wqr>. No donation is too small and every dollar benefits our veterans who call the Long Island State Veterans Home their home. We hope you will consider giving this year. Please know that we are always here to answer your questions or concerns. We wish you an enjoyable Columbus Day weekend.

Sincerely,

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