

Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

As we complete Day 105 in the battle against the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), we want to update you on what's happening here at the Home. Over the past few weeks, we have indicated that we are increasing our swab testing for residents. Additional testing leads to additional data, and we are currently trending in the right direction.

Today, we have 24 residents who are positive for the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Twenty-three are at the Home and one is being treated at Stony Brook University Hospital. In addition, we have 128 residents who are categorized as fully recovered based on the facts that they are asymptomatic and 21 days post initial diagnosis of the virus. Many continue to do well and our staff is exhilarated by their courage and fortitude during this global pandemic. When needed, we will continue to abide by our cohorting plan. We remain grateful to our families for their understanding when room changes have to be implemented. Thank you again.

Over the past weekend, we sadly lost three of our veterans to the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). One Korean War veteran and two Vietnam veterans – all who donned a military uniform to fight for his strong beliefs of defending our great democracy. While each of these veterans bore multiple comorbidities, they also reminded us that “Freedom is Not Free.” We remain grateful for their sacrifice and grieve with their families at this time. Each of these veterans was a member of the Long Island State Veterans Home community and will be dearly missed by everyone.

Since March 10, 2020, we have had 117 employees test positive for the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Twenty-five are recuperating at home and 92 are fully recovered and have returned to work. Weekly employee swab testing remains in place, and our staff is fully complying with this important mandate from Albany. We want to acknowledge all our caregivers for their tireless efforts during this public health crisis. Each has shown incredible commitment and dedication over the last few months.

We have good news. Our Barber and Beautician are back at work. In high demand, haircuts will begin to be provided in a safe and sanitary manner. We are looking forward to having everyone “looking good” again! Out of an abundance of precaution against any cross contamination, we are making accommodations to our barbershop.

In closing, please know that our goal is to completely eliminate the virus from our Home. Our numbers continue to head in the right direction and we appreciate all your patience in this very long process. In the meantime, we hope you will continue to practice the three W's:

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

Please stay safe and let us know if we can answer any additional questions you may have. Thank you again for your cooperation and patience.

Sincerely,

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