

Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

With another week coming to a close, we want to update you on the continuing battle against the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). We are pleased to report that we continue to trend in the right direction as we fast approach the month of July.

Today, we have 23 residents who are positive for the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Twenty-two of these residents are at the Home and one is at Stony Brook University Hospital receiving treatment. In addition, we have 128 residents who are considered fully recovered based on the facts that they remain asymptomatic and are beyond 21 days from their initial diagnosis with the virus. No additional residents have passed away from COVID-19 since our previous letter. In addition, no room changes were made this week due to cohorting. This is a positive sign as we remain committed to cohorting when necessary.

Since we began this public health crisis journey on March 10, 2020, we have had 121 employees test positive for the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Eighteen are currently recuperating at home and 103 have fully recovered and have returned to work. Weekly swab testing of all employees is going strong and all our staff is committed to this important assessment. Identifying employees who may be asymptomatic is critical to staying ahead of this wicked and invisible illness. Thank you again to all our workers for their fortitude and dedication.

Earlier this week, the Governor announced that individuals traveling from states with significant community spread of COVID-19 will be required to quarantine for 14 days when visiting New York. As of this writing, the states that are impacted include Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Washington, Utah and Texas. We want to alert you to this advisory as it may have a potential impact on you or another family member. The dynamics of the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) change every day and we want you to have the latest information. Again, we are still awaiting guidance from the New York State Department of Health for reopening our Home to visitors and to the return of many programs and services. We will continue to update you on any new information as it relates to the operations of our Home. In the meantime, please know you can always reach out to us.

Sincerely,

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