

Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

As we close out the month of June, we want to provide an update on the ongoing battle against the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). We remain pleased to report that our numbers continue to trend in the right direction, and we are cautiously optimistic as we begin a new month.

Today, we have 23 residents who are positive for the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). All 23 residents are resting comfortably here at the Home. We will continue to swab test them on a weekly basis and will share the results when available. The number of residents who are fully recovered is now at 130. Again, these are residents who are beyond 21 days from their initial diagnosis with the virus and remain asymptomatic. We have had no one pass away from the virus since our last letter and no room changes were made this week due to cohorting. Please note that we also accepted 29 new admissions during the month of June. All new admissions are swab tested for the virus prior to admission and are quarantined for a two-week period as well. We will continue to adhere to all recommended federal, state and local guidelines.

Since March 10, 2020, we have had 129 employees test positive for the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Twenty-six are recuperating at home and 103 have fully recovered and have returned to work. All employees are required to be swab tested once a week, and we closely monitor all the results as they come in. Our staff remains committed, valiant, and vigilant in their caregiving duties.

In our letter last Friday, we highlighted that Governor Cuomo announced individuals traveling from Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Washington, Texas, and Utah would be required to quarantine for 14 days when visiting New York. Today, eight additional states were added to this list including California, Georgia, Iowa, Idaho, Louisiana, Mississippi, Nevada and Tennessee. Many of our residents have relatives in these states, and while there are no guidelines for nursing home visits as of yet, we want to alert you to these new restrictions which may impact future access to our Home. The dynamics of the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) are fluid and ever changing. We always want you to have the latest information. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have any questions. With the month of July upon us, we hope you remain cautious and continue to follow safe practices.

Sincerely,

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