

Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

As we come to the end of another week in the battle against the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), we want to take this opportunity to update you on the latest happenings here at the Home. Overall, it was a good week and our progress continues to trend in the right direction.

Although we still have six residents who are positive for the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), all of them remain asymptomatic and are resting comfortably here at the Home. Once again, each of these positive residents have been retested to see if they have converted to a negative result. We will keep everyone informed of the latest test results. The good news is that we have not had any new resident COVID-positive cases since July 8, 2020. Our resident population remains stable at this time.

On the employee front, we have had 135 employees test positive for the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) since March 10, 2020. Six employees are recuperating at home and 129 are fully recovered and have returned to work. The good news is that we have not had any employee test positive since July 8, 2020. In addition, we remain fully compliant with the extension of the Governor's Executive Order that continues to mandate weekly swab testing for all nursing home employees.

All of us here at the Long Island State Veterans Home remain cautiously optimistic that we can begin limited visiting on Wednesday, August 5th, 2020. We are finalizing our visitation plan that will be submitted next week to the New York State Department of Health for approval. Please know that if another resident or employee tests positive for the virus, we will have to reset the clock on visiting by a new 28-day period. While we cannot predict the future, we are hopeful that you will all be returning to the Home shortly to visit with your loved one.

While we have not mentioned it in a while, we continue to follow all federal and state guidelines for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). We have stockpiled surgical masks, N95 respirator masks, face shields, eye goggles and disposable gowns. We are required to have a 60 day supply on hand and we have exceeded this requirement. As we have said from the very start of this global pandemic, we are committed to always providing the proper protective equipment to our caregivers and ancillary staff. They deserve nothing less as they render care to our veterans.

Please know that we continue to stress the 3 W-s – Wear Your Mask, Wash Your Hands and Watch Your Distance. We firmly believe that practicing these smart behaviors will allow us to return to normal. We trust that you are remaining safe. As always, if we can be of further assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Sincerely,

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