

Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

We want to take this opportunity to bring you up to date on our situation as it relates to the ongoing battle against the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). As we continue to trend in the right direction, we are pleased to report that our weekend was relatively uneventful.

Currently, we have five residents who are positive for the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). All five residents continue to be asymptomatic and are resting comfortably here at the Home. We continue to swab test all our residents and we are hoping to have additional results later this week. Again, we are optimistic that the remaining five residents will have two consecutive negative test results. In addition, please note that we have not had anyone pass away from the virus since July 6, 2020.

We continue to have a stable situation as it relates to our work force. As we indicated in our Friday letter (July 14, 2020) to you, we have had 135 employees test positive for the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) since March 10, 2020. Six are currently recuperating at home, and 129 have fully recovered and have returned to work. We continue to swab test all our employees on a weekly basis and we are pleased to report that we have had no new positive cases since July 8, 2020. We remain grateful for our staff's compliance with the mandated testing.

Based on all the latest data, we remain optimistic that we can begin limited visiting on Wednesday, August 5, 2020. Should we have a resident or employee test positive going forward, we will have to reset the clock for another 28 days and create a new start date for limited visiting. In addition to your loved ones, we all look forward to your return. We will provide you with subsequent visitation guidance next week.

Since we are still observing new cases in Suffolk County, we must remind all family members to continue to maintain safe practices in your daily life. We continue to emphasize the rigorous practice of the 3 W's: Wear a Mask; Wash your Hands; and Watch your Distance.

Together, we can all defeat this invisible and wicked virus. We hope you all remain safe and look forward to seeing you soon. If we can provide any additional information, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Sincerely,

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