

# Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

Today represents Day 136 in the battle against the novel Coronavirus (COVID19). As we come to the end of the week, we want to update you on our situation at the Long Island State Veterans Home. It remains important to all of us that our families and friends have the latest information on how this global pandemic impacts our Home.

It is with great satisfaction that we report only two residents remain positive for novel Coronavirus (COVID 19). Both residents continue to be asymptomatic and are resting comfortably at the Home. We are encouraged by the testing results seen this week. We are optimistic that the remaining residents will have two consecutive negative test results in order to be considered recovered. In addition, all residents continue to be swab-tested on a weekly basis. Furthermore, no residents have passed away from the virus since July 6, 2020.

As it relates to our workforce, we have had 136 of our 675 employees test positive for the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Seven of these employees are currently recuperating at home, and 129 have fully recovered and returned to work. Unfortunately, we received notice earlier today that we had an employee test positive for the COVID-19 on July 20, 2020. The employee is asymptomatic and quarantined at home. Based upon New York State Department of Health guidance, we now have to reset the clock for our reopening to limited outdoor visitation. Our tentative new date to start scheduled visits will be Tuesday, August 18, 2020. We understand you may be disappointed and frustrated in wake of these new developments, however the Long Island State Veterans Home must remain committed to following the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the New York State Department of Health guidelines on this important topic.

Earlier this week, the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) returned to our facility to conduct an unannounced Infection Control focused review. The two-day survey was conducted this past Wednesday and Thursday. The survey team, consisting of 6 healthcare professionals, performed an extensive medical record review, audited our data submitted to the Health Department, examined all novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Policies and Procedures, inspected all of our nursing units, interviewed multiple staff members, and conducted a physical review of all personal protective equipment (PPE) supplies on hand. We are pleased to report that after a very thorough review, the NYSDOH survey team had no findings upon their verbal summation to us. We remain grateful for this regulatory review, as it helps to validate the care we provide to our veterans.

We continue to stress safe practices for all our residents and staff. While there continues to be new cases of the coronavirus emerging in all parts of Suffolk County, we cannot let our guard down. We hope you will join us in continuing to practice the 3 Ws - ***Wear a Mask, Wash your Hands and Watch your Distance***. Please do not hesitate to call us if you need any additional information.

Sincerely,

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