

# Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

Earlier this week, the United States hit a new high mark of over 5,000,000 confirmed cases of the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). While the virus continues to impact many areas of our great nation, we are pleased to report that we are currently in a good place at the Long Island State Veterans Home.

There are no cases of the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) among our current resident population. In addition, we are very pleased to report that there are no new cases of the virus among our dedicated staff. We continue to remain on target to reopen the Home to limited visitation on Monday, August 24, 2020. We are finalizing our visiting protocols for families, and we will hopefully share them with you next week. Our enthusiasm remains high for your return; however, we must remind you that if we have a new case (resident or employee) of the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), we must reset the clock for another 28 days. We will always follow the established guidelines of both the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services as well as the New York State Department of Health.

We are also extremely pleased to report that “Operation Sunshine” began last Friday. This is a coordinated effort to get our residents outside the building for some sunshine and fresh air. They get to enjoy the outdoors while being protected from the virus and its potentially harmful impact. As of this writing, over 120 residents have been outside. Many thanks to our Therapeutic Recreation Department for all its efforts to get this program off the ground. We will maintain this important program as long as the weather permits. It is wonderful for us to see our veterans getting back to nature on our beautiful campus.

We want to thank you again for your kind calls, letters, cards and Facebook posts. We appreciate your ongoing support as we continue to do battle with the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Please be assured that your loved one is our top priority. If we can provide any additional information, don’t hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

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