

# Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

As we end another week here at the Long Island State Veterans Home, we want to take this opportunity to bring you up to speed on everything happening at our facility. Since our first letter to you back on March 3, 2020, we remain committed to total transparency, as we communicate details of the impact that the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) has had on all of us.

We are extremely pleased to report that there are no cases of the virus among our current resident population. We are also happy to report that there are no new cases of the virus among our dedicated staff. All eyes remain on Monday, August 24, 2020, when we will begin limited family visitation while focusing on safety and the prevention of the return of the virus. We are excited for your homecoming; 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.

Operation Sunshine remains in full force and our residents are enjoying some sun (sometimes rain) and fresh air. As of this writing, we have had close to 200 veterans enjoy the great outdoors. We remain grateful to our Therapeutic Recreation and Social Work Departments for their efforts in this highly coordinated program. As long as the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) does not reappear at the Home, we will continue with this vital program.

Earlier this week, we reignited Operation Rejuvenation. We are starting demolition on nursing Unit 2C and hope to have it completely renovated by the end of the year. Unit 2C represents the eighth of twelve units that will be completely modernized. Our construction crew on 2C remains isolated from the rest of the Home and are swab tested for the virus once a week. We remain committed to providing a first-class facility for our veterans and we are excited that Operation Rejuvenation is back on track.

In closing, we appreciate your ongoing patience and fortitude as we continue to endure this public health crisis. As always, if we can address any of your needs, please do not hesitate to reach out to any of us.

Sincerely,

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