

# Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

As we begin this correspondence to you today, we want to take time to acknowledge your perseverance and patience as together we endure the impact of the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Since March 10, 2020, we have encountered the unpredictability of this global pandemic and all of its challenges. We remain grateful for your confidence in our Home as we respond to the requirements of federal and state regulators as it relates to caring for your loved one.

Much has happened since our last letter to you and we want to keep you updated on the latest happenings here at the Home. We are pleased to report that our resident population is once again free from the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). None of our residents have the virus at this time. All residents remain properly cohorted based on their COVID-19 status as well.

On the employee front, we had a staff member test positive for the virus on August 19, 2020. The employee is asymptomatic and will be quarantined for the required 14-day period. Since March 10, 2020, 142 of our 675 employees have tested positive for the virus. Five are at home in quarantine and 137 are fully recovered and have returned to work. Unfortunately, due to federal and state guidelines, we have had to reset the clock for limited family visiting. Our new start date for visitation will be Wednesday, September 16, 2020.

In an effort to reconnect you with your loved one, we are starting limited “window visits” on Thursday, August 27, 2020. Coordinated by our Social Work Department, families will be allowed a scheduled visit during the weekdays. We will have “window visits” on Mondays and Wednesdays at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM, as well as on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM. These visits will take place with your loved ones in our Multi-Purpose Room (MPR). Family members will be allowed 30 minutes of outside window time. You must wear a mask and be cognizant of social distancing requirements. We will be accommodating multiple families at the same time, so your full cooperation will be required for a safe visit. You will be receiving a call from your assigned social worker this week to schedule a “window visit”. In addition, your social worker can answer any questions you may have about this process.

On another positive note, we have been given clearance by the New York State Department of Health to reopen our Barber and Beauty Shop. We will once again provide this much needed service to our residents. Please know that our Barber and Beautician are swab tested

weekly for the virus and will maintain strict sanitary standards when providing hair care to your loved one.

In closing, please know that we continue to be in full compliance with all federal and state regulations as we continue to care for your family member. If we can be of any further assistance to you, please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

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