

Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

With a busy week coming to a close, we are pleased to update you on our current situation at the Long Island State Veterans Home. As we complete day 150 against the battle with the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), we want to remain transparent with our families and friends as we continue to deal with the impact of this public health crisis.

As of today, all residents continue to remain free of the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). In addition, we have no new cases of the virus among our dedicated staff. So as of this writing, we are on target to begin limited visitation on Monday, August 24, 2020. Specific guidelines on visiting protocols will be reviewed in future family letters as we approach the initial date. While we are cautiously excited, we must remind you that if we have any new positive cases of the virus, we will have to reset the clock for another 28 days. This mandate follows the established guidelines of both the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid and the New York State Department of Health.

We want to remind you that the New York State Legislature (both the Assembly and the State Senate) will be conducting part two of a Joint Hearing on the impact of the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) on the elderly in long-term care settings. The first part was conducted this past Monday, and the second session will be held next Monday, August 10, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. If you have access to the internet, you may want to watch the hearing on your computer or mobile device. Just go onto the home page of the New York State Assembly or the New York State Senate website and click onto the “watch live” button. These hearings are discussing many of the issues you are concerned about, and will give you an opportunity to see your elected officials in action. We encourage you to tune in during some part of your day next Monday.

We are proud to report that earlier today, we implemented “Operation Sunshine.” This program allows our residents to go outside and enjoy some fresh air, sunshine, or maybe even some rain! This highly coordinated event, led by our Therapeutic Recreation Department, allows our residents to be outside in groups of ten, taking all the proper infection control protocols into account. We will be continuing this program on an ongoing basis. Our first 30 residents went out today after being indoors for the past five months. Each one enjoyed the return to the outdoors. We are committed in trying to regain some normalcy – once again maintaining strict infection control standards.

Please enjoy this coming weekend and continue to practice the 3Ws – ***Wear a Mask, Wash Your Hands and Watch Your Distance***. All of our actions matter and everyone must do his/her part. If we can be of further assistance, please feel free to reach out to us.

Sincerely,

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