

Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

As we complete day 185 in our battle against the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), we remain somber as we remember the events of September 11, 2001. On that fateful day, 19 hijackers committed murder/suicide, killing 2,977 people and injuring more than 6,000. The attacks to the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, as well as the crash of Flight 93, were the deadliest terrorist strikes in world history and the most devastating foreign attack on the United States soil since the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. September 11 has special meaning for all of us. We will always remember – and never forget.

We would like to provide you with our status as it relates to the virus. We still have three residents who have tested positive for the virus. All three are symptom-free and are resting comfortably here at the Home. As described in our Tuesday's letter, all three residents have been properly cohorted and are completing their quarantine period.

On the employee front, we had three employees test positive on September 7, 2020. One of the three employees had previously tested positive in April, was properly quarantined, and made a full recovery. The two other employees tested positive for the first time. Currently, we have a total of 5 asymptomatic staff members quarantining in their own homes as per federal and state requirements. Altogether, we have had 146 employees test positive for the virus. One hundred forty-one have fully recovered and are back to work.

As per New York State guidelines, each time we have a positive result (resident or employee) for the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) our clock for limited Face-to-Face Visitation, Window Visiting and Operation Sunshine must be reset. The latest start dates are as follows:

Operation Sunshine – Wednesday, September 16th
Window Visiting – Monday, September 21st
Limited Face-to-Face Visitation - Tuesday, October 6th

You may have heard that recent changes were made to the New York State Department of Health guidance related to pediatric nursing home and adult care facilities. The visitation time period requirement for having no new COVID-19 cases in pediatric nursing homes and adult care facilities has been reduced to 14 days. However, skilled nursing facilities, which includes the LISVH, still have a 28 day time requirement. We are hoping that these adult care facilities serve as a test sites, and a similar change to the policy for skilled nursing facilities could come down the road. We

recognize that this global pandemic has created hardship and frustration for many of our dedicated families. We appreciate your patience and resiliency as we continue to focus on the care your loved one deserves and receives.

In closing, we remind you again that the virus remains active throughout Suffolk County. Practicing the 3W's matters. We encourage you to stay vigilant in wearing a mask, washing your hands and watching your distance. We wish you good health during these unprecedented times. Please call us directly if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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