

Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

Today represents day 199 in our ongoing battle with the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). We have had some activity during the week and want to update you on our situation here at the Long Island State Veterans Home. As you know, we remain committed to keeping you informed as we continue to deal with the virus and its impact in our community.

We are very pleased to report that there are no cases of the virus among our resident population at this time. Our last resident tested positive back on September 10, 2020. He was properly quarantined and cohorted and remained completely asymptomatic during this 14-day period. Again, we are ecstatic that none of our veterans have the virus at this time!

Late this afternoon, we were notified that an employee tested positive for the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). This employee, although completely asymptomatic, was notified not to report to work and will quarantine at home for a two-week period. In terms of our total count to date, 148 of our 675 employees have tested positive for the virus. Two employees are now in quarantine at their homes. This means that 146 employees have fully recovered and have returned to work. As you already know, we will continue to test our workforce every week, as per the Governor's Executive Order. The current Executive Order expires on October 4, 2020. If past occurrence are any indication, we do believe this order will be extended for at least another month. Our employees continue to fully comply with this New York State mandate, and we appreciate their diligence and fortitude with such an important request.

While we have been battling against the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) for nearly 200 days, we have begun preparation for the regular flu season as well. We have been fortunate to obtain plenty of high-dose flu vaccine and we have completed inoculating our residents against regular flu. We plan to offer the vaccine to our employees as well. While employee participation is voluntary, we traditionally have a great response from our caregivers and ancillary staff.

Our new target date for face-to-face visitation will now be on October 8, 2020. Our Social Workers will be reaching out to you to arrange your appointment. We certainly understand your frustration with the multiple date extensions, but we want to remind you that we are following all the federal, state, and local requirements relating to this pandemic. Please know that we remain committed to keeping your loved one safe and comfortable. If you have any questions, please call us. With the weekend upon us, please continue to stay safe.

Sincerely,

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