

Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

With September quickly coming to a close, we want to take this opportunity to update you on our current situation here at the Long Island State Veterans Home. We have been battling the elusive novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) since March 10, 2020. From the beginning, we have been strictly adhering to all federal, state and local requirements related to the virus.

We learned late last night that three residents received positive results for testing that was conducted on September 25, 2020. These three residents, who tested positive, were from the same “recovered unit.” The residents were previously positive and had the virus over 90 days ago. According to New York State Department of Health guidelines, residents who are 90 days post recovery are required to be re-tested for the COVID-19 virus. All three are asymptomatic; however, out of an abundance of precaution, they have been properly quarantined and cohorted. Their quarantine period will be for 14 days and we will continue to monitor them closely.

In regards to our employees, we have had no new activity since we last wrote to you on Friday. All our employees continue to be tested weekly as per the Governor’s Executive Order. While this Executive Order expires on October 4, we do believe it will be extended sometime next week. Ongoing testing of staff helps us to manage the veracity of the virus, as this invisible illness remains prevalent throughout Suffolk County and beyond.

Our new target date for Face-to-Face visitation will now be Saturday, October 10, 2020. This date is based upon the 14-day requirement after every new positive case. Please know that we made inquiry with the New York State Department of Health regarding “Window Visits” as an alternative to Face-to-Face visits in the interim. They reminded us that one or more new cases constitutes an outbreak. Outbreaks limit us from transporting residents around the facility, including down to our Multi-Purpose Room. While we are disheartened that visiting has been delayed, we are grateful that our three positive residents are asymptomatic and are resting comfortably here at the Home. Rest assured our staff continues to provide dedicated and compassionate care for your loved one.

We continue to prepare for the standard flu season. Our resident population has been vaccinated and we will begin inoculating our employees shortly. While flu vaccine for employees are voluntary, we traditionally have a good response from all our direct caregivers and ancillary staff. We hope to complete the administration of flu vaccines to our work force in the next two weeks. We encourage you to also secure a flu shot as well. Doing so protects you, your loved one and all those you come in contact with throughout your day.

Thank you again for taking the time to read our updates. As always, call if we can be of service to you or your family.

Sincerely,

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