

Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

With Labor Day behind us and fall fast approaching, we would like to provide you with an update on our situation here at the Long Island State Veterans Home. We remain steadfast in providing you the latest information as we continue to do battle against the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). We appreciate you reading our letters and keeping abreast of the virus and its impact on your loved one.

Over the weekend, we had an additional resident test positive for the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Our recent pattern of positive tests on residents remain the same. The most recent resident is also asymptomatic and resting comfortably here at the Home. Currently, we have four residents in this category and they have been properly cohorted as per federal and state guidelines. We will continue to closely monitor them until the quarantine period of 14 days has ended.

Our employee testing results have remained the same since last Friday. Again, 144 of our 675 employees have tested positive since March 10, 2020. Three of them are quarantining at their homes while 141 have fully recovered and have returned to work. As expected, Governor Cuomo has extended Executive Order 202.60, which mandates that all New York State nursing home workers get swab tested once per week for the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). The new extension will continue this requirement until October 4, 2020. Subsequently, we will extend our on-site testing capabilities to meet the mandate for our employees. We remain grateful to the staff for their testing endurance throughout this global pandemic.

The recent positive cases have unfortunately pushed us to reset the clocks for visitation. As of today, our tentative date for “Window Visiting” will be on Friday, September 18, 2020. Our tentative date for limited in-person visiting will be on Friday, October 2, 2020. Please remember if we have any additional new cases among residents and/or employees, we would once again need to reset the clock. We are still conducting FaceTime, Skype, Zoom, Goggle Duo and Hangouts visits for our families. Please call our Therapeutic Recreation Department at 631-444-8522 to schedule your virtual visit.

A quick word about Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). The Long Island State Veterans Home exceeds all New York State Department of Health mandates related to the quantity of PPE required for our residents and employees, including surgical masks, N-95 respirator masks, face shields, eye goggles and disposable gowns. We have secured additional storage facilities to help accommodate the large amounts of PPE required for our Home. We are fortunate to have ample PPE here at the Home as we address this complex and elusive virus.

In closing, please know that we appreciate your patience with the process of managing a public health crisis. We value your ongoing support and words of encouragement. If we can provide additional information, please do not hesitate to call us.

Sincerely,

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