

Long Island State Veterans Home



AT STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY

100 Patriots Road
Stony Brook, NY 11790-3300
P 631.444.8500
F 631.444.8575
LISVH.org

January 11, 2022

Dear LISVH Family Member:

As we complete day 672 in the fight against the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), we want to once again update you on the current situation at the Long Island State Veterans Home. As of today, we have 25 residents that are positive for the virus. Nineteen of these residents are here at the Home, all properly cohorted and quarantined and six of our residents are being treated at Stony Brook Hospital.

We are sad to report that one of our residents passed away at the hospital over the weekend. This resident, who had the Coronavirus, succumbed due to multiple comorbidities. While not a veteran, we were honored to care for this widow of a veteran. All of us at the Long Island State Veterans Home mourn the loss of this resident and offer our deepest condolences to the family.

As it relates to our workforce, we currently have 19 staff members (all fully vaccinated) who are positive for COVID-19. The majority of these employees have mild to no symptoms and are all quarantining at home. We continue to test for the virus as per federal and state regulations. With the increased testing requirements, we want you to know that the Home has secured an adequate supply of testing kits at this time. We also alerted you last Friday that Governor Hochul has proposed mandatory boosters for all healthcare workers in New York State. As of this writing, we do not have any specific guidelines from the New York State Department of Health. We remain prepared to implement any new vaccine mandate and continue to offer onsite booster clinics for all employees. Our next booster clinic will be on Friday, January 14, 2022.

Our region remains very active as it relates to the virus. Yesterday's positivity rate for Suffolk County was 24.1% and the seven-day positivity rate is 26.4%. These percentages are slightly lower than last Friday, as we hope that they will continue to trend downward in the days ahead. As of today, 916 individuals in Suffolk County remain hospitalized. Of those hospitalized patients, 117 are in ICU's and 54 remain on ventilators. The bottom line is that we all need to take proper precautions. We urge everyone to continue to do his or her part.

Last Friday, Governor Hochul announced that all visitors would be required to present a negative COVID-19 result within 24 hours of their visit. Many of you have reached out for clarification. We are still awaiting guidance from the New York State Department of Health. Once we have received that guidance, we will share it with all of you.

Due to the presence of COVID-19, the facility has placed units on COVID-19 Exposure Precautions. Please refer to our website for the most up to date information related to your family member's unit. Visitation on COVID Exposed Units is allowed but highly discouraged until the end of the quarantine (exposure) period. Visits may still occur in resident rooms on the Exposed Units. Please note that only two visitors may be in the resident's room at any time. We caution all visitors that you are at an increased risk for exposure to COVID-19 when visiting at this time. Visitors will be provided with proper personal protective equipment and infection prevention education. Proper screening will be provided upon arrival. If you are not feeling well, we highly discourage your visit.

In closing, we once again want to thank all our families for their ongoing support. We appreciate all your cooperation as we continue to endure this pandemic. Please know that we are always available to you. Never hesitate to reach out.

Fred S. Sganga, FACHE
Executive Director
631-444-8606

Jonathan Spier, LNHA
Deputy Executive Director
631-444-8615

Anshu Singh, MD
Medical Director
631-444-8602

Christopher Brancato, RN
Director of Nursing
631-444-8707

Jean Brand, LNHA
Director of ADHC
631-444-8530