

Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

We continue to monitor the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) impact on our country, our state and our county. Here are the latest numbers for COVID-19:

USA – 25,456,000 cases; 422,800 deaths
NYS – 1,362,000 cases; 42,300 deaths
Suffolk County – 138,500 cases; 2,726 deaths

The Suffolk County seven-day average has recently declined to 7.6%, which is the lowest percentage we have seen since the Christmas holiday. Our numbers here at the Home are declining as well, and we are grateful for this trend.

Today, we have 27 residents who are currently positive for the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Eleven residents are here at the Home, all properly cohorted and quarantined. Fifteen residents are receiving treatment at Stony Brook University Hospital. We also have one resident at Stony Brook Southampton Hospital. Most of our hospitalized veterans are awaiting a negative PCR swab result before they can return to LISVH. We hope to share a continued drop in our numbers in our next letter to you as well.

In the last five days, we have sadly lost three of our veterans to the COVID-19 virus. All three sustained multiple comorbidities while enduring the virus as well. The three included: a 104-year old World War II Army veteran; a 90-year old Korean War Veteran who served two separate tours, first in the United States Marine Corps and then in the U.S. Army; and an 83-year old Army veteran who served during peacetime. All three brought duty, honor and courage during their time in the Armed Forces and we are a greater nation because of their personal sacrifice. The LISVH family extends our deepest condolences to their families and friends as we mourn their loss.

We would like to provide you with information regarding our workforce situation as well. We have had 255 of our 675 staff members test positive for the virus since March 10, 2020. Forty-eight are currently quarantining at their homes, while 207 have fully recovered and have returned to work. We continue to swab test our employees on a regular basis. Also, please know that our PPE supplies continue to exceed all the current requirements of the New York State Department of Health. From the beginning of this unprecedented public health crisis, we always have had an adequate supply of surgical masks, face shields, eye goggles and disposable gowns. Protecting our caregivers and ancillary staff while they are providing care to your loved one is an important part of battling this virus.

Just a reminder that the third round of COVID-19 vaccinations will occur on February 8, 9 and 10, 2021. The CVS Pharmacy team will return for the last time to administer second doses to all residents and staff that received a vaccine on January 18, 19 and 20, 2021. We are reviewing our options to secure additional COVID-19 vaccines, as we know we will have to provide coverage to newly admitted residents and new employees. As always, please feel free to reach out to us if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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