

Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

With the week coming to an end, we want to take this opportunity to update you on the latest situation with the ongoing battle against the elusive novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). We remain committed to open and transparent communication to you – our loyal and dedicated family members.

Yesterday, we received an unannounced inspection from the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH). This was the fifth focused infection control review. The four member survey team spent a full day overseeing medical records as well as performing a comprehensive assessment of our policies, procedures and practices related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The NYSDOH reviewed protocols for infection control, cleaning and disinfection, and COVID-19 testing of our residents and staff. The surveyors conducted a complete physical inspection of all nursing units and interviewed both residents and staff members. In addition, the NYSDOH inspected our current inventory of personal protective equipment and reviewed established mechanisms to maintain adequate supplies. Once again, we are pleased to report that the survey team had no recommendations or findings. As a result of this review, the Long Island State Veterans Home continues to be in compliance with NYSDOH standards and requirements. Please know that we value these unannounced reviews, as they help to validate the care we provide to our veterans every day.

Currently, we have five residents who are positive for the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). All five are asymptomatic and are resting comfortably here at the Home. They have been properly quarantined and cohorted as well. All residents continue to be tested regularly as per federal and state guidelines. Our ongoing objective is to stay ahead of the virus and thorough testing helps us to achieve this outcome.

Our workforce remains stable. While swab testing continues for all our caregivers and support staff, we have had no positive tests for the virus since September 23, 2020. Our staff is constantly reminded to practice the 3 W's (***Wear a Mask, Wash Your Hands, Watch Your Distance***) both while on duty and off duty. We remain grateful to our entire staff for their diligence and dedication. Everyone remains focused on our mission to keep your loved ones safe.

As a reminder, our next target date for limited face-to-face visitation will be on **Tuesday, October 27, 2020**. As we get closer to the date, we will review the latest visitor criteria from the NYSDOH. Again, we are available to answer any of your questions or concerns. Please feel free to contact us and continue to stay safe this weekend.

Sincerely,

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