

Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

As we complete day 224 in our ongoing battle against the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), we want to update you on the latest activity here at the Long Island State Veterans Home. Our ongoing goal is to provide you with the latest information on how the virus is impacting our facility and your loved one.

We have had no new cases of the virus among our resident population since our last writing to you. There are five residents who tested positive for the virus earlier this month. All remain asymptomatic and all are resting comfortably here at the Home. Again, they have been properly quarantined and cohorted. We believe they will come off quarantine by next Sunday.

Late yesterday, we received notice that one of our part time employees has tested positive for the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). This is the 149th employee to contract the virus. As you may know, we currently have 675 full-time, part-time and per-diem employees. One hundred forty-eight have fully recovered and are back to work. Our newest positive case is quarantining at home at this time. We continue to conduct weekly COVID-19 swab tests on all employees as part of the Governor's Executive Order. Ongoing testing allows us to stay ahead of the virus.

We continue to provide flu shots for all new admissions as well as our work force. We have had a good response to date and will continue to provide flu shots throughout the season. For those of you in the community, we urge you to consider being vaccinated for seasonal flu, especially as the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) is still with us today. Protect yourself as well as your family and friends.

We have had to reschedule the date to resume limited face-to-face visitation. **Our new target date will be Monday, November 2, 2020.** As we get closer to this date, we will once again remind you of all the requirements necessary for a safe and protected visit.

Lastly, with Election Day just two weeks away, all residents who have registered to vote are completing their ballots today. As Americans, we value the ability to vote in this Democracy we call the United States of America. We remain grateful to all veterans for their sacrifice of military service. It is this sacrifice that allows us to enjoy our freedoms – including the freedom to vote! Please make sure you get out and vote too. As always, feel free to reach out to us if we can be of further service to you.

Sincerely,

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