

# Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

With the week coming to a close, we want to update you on the ongoing battle against the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Earlier this month, Suffolk County has exceeded the 1,000,000 mark for COVID-19 testing. One million eleven thousand nine hundred fifteen tests have been performed in our county, leading to the identification of 48,516 COVID-19 positive cases. The virus remains contagious and elusive, and it is important to understand the most recent data in our region.

As of today, the number of residents who have the virus has returned to zero. The five residents who recently tested positive have completed their 14-day quarantine and have had two subsequent negative tests. Please note that they were asymptomatic throughout the two-week period and they are happy to return to their original nursing units. We hope to have no new cases among our resident population; however, ongoing testing continues as per federal and state regulations.

Regarding employees, our COVID-19 numbers remain the same as reported last Tuesday. We have had 149 employees test positive for the virus since March 20, 2020. Two are currently asymptomatic and are quarantined in their homes. One of the two has tested positive for a second time; however, the New York State Department of Health requires the employee to quarantine for a second time as a precaution. The other 147 are fully recovered and have returned to work. Weekly swab testing continues for all staff and we remain extremely grateful for their diligence and compliance with the Governor's Executive Order.

Our target day for limited face-to-face visitation remains the same. Please circle Monday, November 2, 2020 on your calendar. Again, as we get closer to this date, we will remind you of all the requirements necessary for a safe and protected visit. Your social worker will reach out to you to schedule your appointment. If possible, please refrain from having your COVID-19 swab test completed until your visit is confirmed.

In closing, we ask you to remain vigilant as we continue to endure this public health event. Practicing the 3W's (***Wearing a Mask, Washing Your Hands and Watching Your Distance***) remains an important response to the virus. Getting vaccinated for seasonal flu is important as well. If you have not done so yet, please consider receiving the influenza vaccine. As always, we remain a phone call away if you need additional information. Have a safe weekend.

Sincerely,

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