

Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

As we complete day 231 in our battle against novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), we want to update you on the latest activities at the Long Island State Veterans Home. Since early March, we have remained committed to open and transparent communication with all our families

Over the weekend, we had some new virus activity within our resident population. We currently have three residents who have now tested positive for the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Fortunately, they are all asymptomatic and have been properly cohorted and quarantined here at the Home. These three residents will be in quarantine for the required two-week period.

In terms of our work force, we have had no new positive employee cases over the past week. We have had 149 employees test positive for the virus since March 10. One hundred forty-seven have fully recovered and are back to work. Two employees (who are asymptomatic) remain quarantined in their own homes. Our employees remain vigilant with their weekly swab testing and we will continue to monitor their test results. Testing continues to allow us to stay ahead of the virus.

We once again have moved the target date for limited face-to-face visitation. Our new date will be Monday, November 9, 2020. We recognize the frustration that is created every time we change the date. While we too share your frustration, we remain extremely grateful that all our current positive cases remain asymptomatic. The virulence of this virus varies greatly in other regions of the country. We are hearing about more severe symptoms and fatal outcomes from State Veterans Home colleagues down south and out west.

Please know that we are paying strict attention to the travel advisories and restrictions published every week from the NYS Department of Health. We also educate, advise, and caution our employees who may be traveling outside of New York State. All returning employees must follow strict NYS Department of Health travel criteria (that includes a negative PCR test) before returning to work. We would advise you and your family members to also pay attention to this information as well. Keeping the COVID-19 virus in check remains our top priority.

We look forward to updating you again at the end of this week and please know that we are always a phone call away.

Sincerely,

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