

Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

With Veterans Day upon us, we want to update you on our situation here at the Long Island State Veterans Home. We remain vigilant in bringing you all the information you need to know as we continue to battle the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Our goal is to be transparent with all our families throughout this ongoing pandemic.

Yesterday, the United States of America surpassed 10.2 million cases of the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Nationwide, we have had over 239,000 people succumb to this elusive and wicked illness. In Suffolk County, we have had 51,052 cases to date and 2,022 COVID-19 deaths since March 10, 2020. While the virus may be less virulent in our part of the country, COVID-19 remains highly contagious. Our objective is to stay ahead of it and avoid a resurgence.

Currently, we have six residents who have tested positive for the virus. All six residents are asymptomatic and have been properly cohorted and quarantined. Resident testing continues, as we follow all federal, state and local guidelines related to this public health crisis. On the employee front, 153 of our 675 employees have tested positive for the virus since March 10, 2020. Five employees are presently at home undergoing the proper quarantine period, and 148 have fully recovered and are back at work.

We have rescheduled our limited face-to-face visitation to Monday, November 23, 2020. We recognize that our visitation date has changed once again, but we continue to follow the advice and guidance of our NYS regulators. Keeping your loved one safe as well as adhering to infection control protocols and mandates remain the top priorities for the Long Island State Veterans Home.

On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month, we as a nation celebrate Veterans Day. While every day is Veterans Day at the LISVH, we want to acknowledge the importance of tomorrow, as we reach out to veterans under our watch and thank them for their sacrifice of military service. Our Veterans Day ceremony will be virtual this year. Residents and Staff will be able to enjoy the video tribute on the In-House TV Channel 67 at 2 pm and 9 pm. The ceremony will also be available to family, friends and volunteers at our website and Facebook page. We hope you will have time to watch it with us. In addition, Chef Jeff and his team are preparing an outstanding filet mignon lunch tomorrow with all the trimmings. Special alternative choices will also be available. Furthermore, the Governor of New York State sent each veteran at our Home a Veterans Day Proclamation and our therapeutic recreation staff will distribute them to our heroes tomorrow.

While Veterans Day might have a different feel this year due to the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), one thing remains the same. Our staff remains focused on the mission of the Home – to provide the very best care to your loved one. If we can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact us. Once again, we salute and honor all veterans as we celebrate Veterans Day.

Sincerely,

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