

# Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

With the end of another week upon us in the fight against the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), we want to provide you with the latest information on our situation at the Home. As of tomorrow, our resident population will be free of the COVID-19 virus. That is, we will have no residents with the virus. At this time, we do have two employees with the COVID-19 virus. Both staff members have no symptoms and remain properly quarantined in their homes.

We would also like to update you on COVID-19 activity in Suffolk County. We are still experiencing a post-Halloween uptick in our region. Yesterday's COVID-19 rate was 3.4% and the seven-day average rate was 2.9%. There were 125 individuals admitted to various hospitals in Suffolk County due to the virus. Of those hospitalized, 32 were in ICU's and 21 were on ventilators. We continue to ask you to be cautious when in the community, as COVID-19 is in our region. In addition, regular flu has arrived in our region. Stony Brook University Hospital has seen multiple cases of AH3 influenza this week. If you have put off your regular flu shot, now is the time to roll up your sleeve and get vaccinated.

All indoor visitation is temporarily suspended until outbreak testing protocols are completed. Indoor visitation is tentatively scheduled to resume on 11/21/2021. Outdoor visitation is temporarily suspended for Units 1D and 2C. Outdoor visitation is expected to resume on 11/21/2021 for Unit 1D and 11/20/2021 for Unit 2C. Compassionate care visits will still be accommodated. Should you require a compassionate care visit, please reach out directly to your social worker.

We are starting a new Certified Nursing Assistant course on November 18, 2021. We have a few open seats for this five-week course. Tuition is \$700 and if qualified, we will offer graduating students a position here at the Home upon passing the New York State Certification. If you know anyone interested in beginning a career in nursing, please contact Michelle Bienia in our Human Resources Department at 631-444-8721. Please feel free to share this information with your family, friends and neighbors.

Yesterday's Veterans Day Ceremony in our Multipurpose Room was a small step in our journey to return to normal. Our keynote speaker was New York State Senator Mario Mattera, who addressed our veterans and pledged his ongoing support for our Home. Please know that every day is Veterans Day at the Long Island State Veterans Home. We remain here for our families as well. Please do not hesitate to call us. Have a great weekend too!

Sincerely,

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