

Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

As we approach the half way point of November, we want to provide you with a comprehensive update on our situation at the Home. Since we started this public health crisis journey back in March 2020, we have remained committed to communicating with our families on a regular basis. We want you to have necessary information regarding the pandemic and have a clear understanding on how we continue to fight against the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

At this moment, we have three residents who tested positive for the virus. All three 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 in order to stay ahead of any potential resurgence. In terms of our work force, we have had no new positive employee cases over the past week. We have had 153 of our 675 employees test positive for the virus since March 10, 2020. One hundred forty-eight have fully recovered and are back to work. Five employees remain quarantined in their own homes.

As of today, our date for limited face-to-face visitation is Monday, November 23, 2020. You will be reminded of all the requirements necessary for a safe and protected visit as we get closer to this date. Your social worker will reach out to you to schedule your appointment. As you plan your visit to the Home, please know that your COVID-19 swab test result needs to be received within seven days of seeing your loved one. 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.

Last Wednesday we celebrated Veterans Day. Our staff honored our veteran residents and thanked them for their selfless sacrifice to our great Nation. Chef Jeff and our Food and Nutritional Services team received rave reviews for their filet mignon lunch and everyone enjoyed our virtual Veterans Day ceremony. [Here is the link to the ceremony.](#) If you haven't already, we hope you can make some time to watch it. We would like to thank Marissa from our Therapeutic Recreation team for putting together this wonderful video. It was truly enjoyed by all.

Lastly, we continue to closely monitor the status of the novel Coronavirus in Suffolk County. We are seeing an ongoing uptick in cases and hospitalizations from the community. We believe that part of the rise in the numbers evolves from activities over the Halloween weekend. With Thanksgiving fast approaching, we ask you as well as your family and friends to make smart decisions about this important holiday. Getting together with family is important, however, during these unprecedented times, protecting the ones we love is even more important. Stepping up your

adherence to the 3 W's (***Wear a Mask, Wash Your Hands, Watch Your Distance***) will ensure that the virus doesn't bring illness to you or your family and friends. Be safe and be smart. As always, we remain a phone call away if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

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