Long Island State Veterans Home



AT STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY

100 Patriots Road Stony Brook, NY 11790-3300 P 631.444.8500 F 631.444.8575 LISVH.org

November 17, 2020

Dear LISVH Family Member:

As we close out day 252 in our fight against the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), we want you to have the latest information on our situation here at the Home. We appreciate your diligence in reading our family letter posted every Tuesday and Friday on our website. We never take for granted the importance of our families especially with the ongoing global pandemic.

We received an unannounced visit from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on Monday, November 16, 2020. The federal surveyor was here to conduct a focused Infection Control review. The assessment consisted of a physical inspection of all parts of the Home and a staff overview of the care provided to our residents. While we won't receive the final written report for at least ten days, we are pleased to report that there were no major findings from this review. We welcome all surveys, as we feel they validate the effective services provided at our Home.

As of today, we still have three residents who are positive for the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). All remain asymptomatic, and are properly cohorted and quarantined. We continue to test our residents, as we remain vigilant in staying ahead of this virus. On the employee front, we have had 156 of our 675 employees test positive for the virus since March 10, 2020. We have had some new positive test results among our staff. Currently, seven employees are quarantining at home, while 149 have fully recovered and returned to work. Due to frequent testing, we are able to quickly identify employees infected with novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Due to the recent positive test results, our new date for limited face-to-face visitation will be on Monday, November 30, 2020. This new date represents our compliance with all federal, state and local mandates concerning the virus. We will continue to allow visits for any end of life situations that arise. We again thank you for your patience with this matter. If we can be of further assistance to you, please don't hesitate to call us.

Sincerely,

Fred S. Sganga, FACHE Executive Director 631-444-8606 Jonathan Spier, MHA, LNHA Deputy Executive Director 631-444-8615 Frank Cervo, MD Medical Director 631-444-8602

Rona Schlau, RN Director of Nursing 631-444-8707 Jean Brand, MSW Director of ADHC 631-444-8530