

Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

We hope that each of you had a pleasant Thanksgiving Holiday. The novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) has dramatically impacted all our lives this year; however, we continue to remain focused and committed to the safety and comfort of your loved one here at the Long Island State Veterans Home.

With the end of the week upon us, our numbers remain relatively stable since we last wrote to you on Tuesday. We currently have five residents who have tested positive for the virus. Four of these residents are asymptomatic and are at the Home. All four are properly cohorted and quarantined and are resting comfortably. Our fifth veteran is being cared for at Stony Brook University Hospital. We look forward to the return of this resident.

As you know, we have a work force of 675 full-time, part-time and per-diem employees. Since March 10, 2020, 160 members of our staff have tested positive for the virus. Ten staff members are currently at their homes quarantining as mandated by federal, state and local requirements. One Hundred Fifty employees have fully recovered and returned to work. We are grateful to all our staff, especially those who worked on Thanksgiving Day and celebrated the Holiday with your loved one.

We continue to look ahead to the distribution of a vaccine for the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). We have made application (as required) to both the federal and state governments. Our understanding is that nursing home residents and nursing home employees will have top priority once the logistics for distribution have been established. We stand ready to administer the vaccine when it arrives. In the meantime, we continue to strongly recommend practicing the 3 W's:

Wear a Mask
Wash your Hands
Watch your Distance

These simple tasks will help to keep the virus in check until the vaccine becomes available. Please know that we continue to be a phone call away.

Sincerely,

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