

Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

As Election Day 2020 is upon us, we want to take this opportunity to update you on the ongoing battle against the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Nationwide, we have just exceeded 9,380,000 cases of the virus. In Suffolk County, we have had 49,604 cases of COVID-19 reported. As the virus remains elusive and contagious, it is important to monitor its prevalence.

Currently, we have five residents who are positive for the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). These residents are properly cohorted and quarantined, and remain asymptomatic. All five veterans are resting comfortably at this time. We continue to test our resident population based on the recommendations of federal, state and local agencies. Frequent testing will allow us to remain ahead of the virus through early detection.

There has been no change to our work force numbers since last Friday. Our total number of employees who have tested positive for the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) remains at 149. Two staff members are quarantining at their homes and remain asymptomatic. One hundred forty-seven of our caregivers and ancillary staff are fully recovered and have returned to work. The Governor's Executive Order for mandatory weekly testing of all nursing home employees will expire tonight; however, we do anticipate that this requisite will be extended once again. Again, we are grateful to our team of caregivers and ancillary staff for their ongoing diligence in meeting this important requirement.

Our new target date for limited face-to-face visitation is Monday, November 16, 2020. The new visitation date will have the same requirements including the need to have a PCR COVID-19 test result prior to your scheduled visit. Your Social Worker will reach out to you as we get closer to the reopen date.

Lastly, we hope you had an opportunity to vote, either by absentee ballot, early voting or by performing your civic duty sometime today. The polls close at 9:00 PM in New York State. On Election Day, we salute our veterans for their sacrifice of military service. It is from their sacrifice that we enjoy the freedom to vote in this great democracy. Please feel free to let us know if we can assist you in any way.

Sincerely,

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