

# Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

As we end another week in the battle against the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), we want to take this opportunity to keep you updated on the situation at the Long Island State Veterans Home as well as in our area. We are seeing an uptick in cases and hospitalizations in Suffolk County and want you to know that the virus remains invisible and highly contagious. Current hot spots include Bellport, Farmingville, Shoreham, Wading River and Southampton. You can always get the latest information on [Suffolk County's COVID-19 Case Tracker](#).

We currently have four residents who are positive for the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). All four residents remain properly cohorted and quarantined, and are presently asymptomatic. They are resting comfortably and will be tested again early next week.

This week, we saw additional cases among our work force. As you may recall, we have 675 employees. As of today, 153 have contracted the virus since March. Five employees are currently quarantining at home, and 148 have fully recovered and have returned to work. As anticipated, the Governor has extended his Executive Order to continue to test all nursing home employees on a weekly basis until December 3, 2020. Our employees remain diligent with testing requirements and will continue to comply with this mandate.

Our target date for limited face-to-face visitation remains the same – Monday, November 16, 2020. The same requirements, including the need to have proof of a negative PCR COVID-19 test result, will be necessary when coming to the Home. Your Social Worker will always be your primary point of contact as we get closer to the reopen date. Any packages for your loved one should be directed to your Social Worker as well. You can arrange drop offs and we will deliver all approved items to them directly.

We are gearing up for Veterans Day next week. Our Veterans Day ceremony will be virtual and broadcast through our in-house television station (Channel 67) next Wednesday. We will post the ceremony on our website and Facebook page next week for your viewing pleasure as well. We hope you will make time to watch. Lastly, if we can be of assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Sincerely,

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