

# Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

With another week completed in our fight against the novel Coronavirus, we want to update you on our current situation at the Long Island State Veterans Home. We are pleased to report that there are **no cases** of COVID-19 among our resident population at this time. We currently have six employees positive for the COVID-19 virus. All six employees have mild to no symptoms at this time and are quarantining in their homes. We continue to actively test residents and staff based upon outbreak testing protocols established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the NYS Department of Health.

While things remain stable at the Home, Suffolk County is still seeing an uptick in COVID-19 cases. Yesterday's COVID-19 positivity rate was 7.0% and seven-day average is 6.5%. We are extremely concerned over the increase in COVID-19 prevalence across the County and the positivity rate approaching the highest levels of the year. We continue to track COVID-19 cases in our region and implore you to take all proper precautions while visiting friends and family in the community. Please continue to practice the 3 W's: ***Wear a Mask, Wash Your Hands, Watch Your Distance.***

With Christmas fast approaching, we remind those families who want to bring your loved one home for the holiday to notify your social worker as soon as possible. Similar, to the Thanksgiving holiday, we believe that securing private ambulette transportation will be difficult this year. Please be aware, transporting your family member in your own vehicle will require proper clearance from our Rehabilitation Department. It is extremely important that car transfer training is scheduled well in advance of your departure date. Again, communication is key and we ask that you alert us if you plan to bring your loved one home for the Christmas holiday.

We have received inquiries regarding holiday decorations. Please know that the Home is actively engaged in promoting the holiday spirit throughout the building while abiding by infection control protocols. As you can imagine, this is not an easy task. For the safety and well-being of our residents, the following guidelines apply:

- No live trees
- No decorations or trees over 2 feet long
- No extension cords are allowed
- Battery operated decorations are permitted

If you have any specific questions related to decorations, please call our Physical Plant Department at 631-444-8780.

Please be assured that we continue to do everything in our power to protect our residents and staff against COVID-19. We want to also thank you for entrusting your loved ones to our care. If we can be of further service to you, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

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