

Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

As we close another week, we want to update you on the latest happenings here at the Long Island State Veterans Home. Our goal is to remain transparent throughout our battle with the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) and to provide you with current information.

Our resident numbers have remained stable since our Tuesday letter to you. We still have seven residents who are positive for the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). All seven remain asymptomatic and are resting comfortably here at the Home. They all remain cohorted and quarantined at this time as well.

The COVID-19 predicted surge for early December has materialized, and we have seen the Suffolk County positivity rate reach 4.9% (7-day average). Although our positivity rate for employees continues to be much lower than the community spread, we remain vigilant in educating our work force on the importance of proper infection control protocols - both at work and at home. Since March 10, 2020, we have had 165 employees test positive for the virus. Thirteen staff members are currently quarantining at their homes, and 152 have fully recovered and returned to work. As anticipated, the Governor's Executive order on weekly mandatory testing for all nursing home employees in New York State has been extended to January 1, 2021. As we continue to comply with this requirement, we would like to thank our employees for their full cooperation with this Executive Order.

Last month, we completed applications with both the federal and state government for the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine program. We have been alerted that nursing home residents and nursing home employees will be on the top of the distribution list for the new vaccine. While we await more specific details, we do believe that the vaccines should arrive before the end of December. We will alert all families prior to the roll out of our vaccine schedule. Be on the alert for specific information in future letters. This is a fluid situation and we are excited to be part of it. We will certainly share more information as it is available. As always, please feel free to contact us with any of your questions. Wishing you a relaxing weekend.

Sincerely,

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