

# Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

As we complete day number 273 in our fight against the novel coronavirus vaccine, we want to share the latest information on our situation at the Home. Like our surrounding community, we saw an uptick of cases among residents and staff. We continue to follow all protocols as established by the federal, state and local regulators as we address the virus and all of its effects.

We have 15 residents who have tested positive for the virus. At this time, 13 residents have been properly cohorted and quarantined here at the Home and two of our residents are at Stony Brook University Hospital receiving treatment. Of these 15 residents, seven have previously had the virus earlier in the year. Additional testing continues on all residents and ongoing surveillance is important.

As it relates to our work force, 166 of our 675 employees have tested positive for the virus since March 10, 2020. Currently, twelve are at home on quarantine, and 154 have fully recovered and returned to work. All employees continue to be tested on a weekly basis as per the Governor's Executive Order.

Yesterday, we received our first briefing from CVS/Omnicare. This company has been designated by the federal government as the pharmacy provider to administer the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine in our region. We have been advised that we could receive either the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines as early as December 21, 2020, depending on FDA approvals for emergency authorization use. When we receive our scheduled date for the vaccine administration, a team from CVS will work with LISVH staff to distribute and administer the vaccine. Both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines have a two shot requirement spaced out over a 21 or 28 day period. This is an important and fluid situation, and we will continue to share specific details as they become available.

With the recent surge in cases, we believe that face-to-face visitation will probably be delayed until the New Year. We share your frustration with this situation; however, we remain focused on preventing any additional spread of the virus. Your ongoing support over the past 9 months has been appreciated by all of us. If we can answer any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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