

# Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

As we begin the second half of this month, our numbers remain stable at this time. As always, we are committed to sharing all our latest statistics with you – our family and friends. As of today, we have four residents who are positive for the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Two of the residents are here at the Home, all properly cohorted and quarantine and two residents are currently at Stony Brook University Hospital receiving treatment. We believe that the post-holiday COVID-19 surge has waned; however, we remain vigilant with resident swab testing always looking to stay ahead of the virus.

As it relates to our workforce, as of today, 276 of our 675 employees have tested positive for the virus. Twenty-four staff members are currently quarantining at home and 252 have fully recovered and have returned to work. Swab testing for employees remains robust and our test results continue to come in on a timely basis.

Earlier this morning, we had our monthly Resident Council meeting through our closed circuit television. Residents were able to be updated via in-house channel 67. As we do with our families, we share all our statistics as well as our current events with all our residents. They did have questions regarding future family visitation and their return to communal dining on their units. We too are seeking answers from federal, state and local authorities. While we have had significant vaccination coverage within our Home, there is still much to be determined about the safety and coverage that the COVID-19 vaccine provides. Questions remain around virus transmission after you have received coverage from the vaccine. As we have said from the start of the pandemic last March, the COVID-19 virus remains wicked and elusive. We will continue to seek out answers that will modify our practices – always keeping the safety and comfort of your loved one as our top priority.

We remain grateful to all our families for their perseverance and fortitude during this life-changing pandemic. We remain cautious and optimistic, as well as grateful for your trust in us during these unprecedented times. If we can be of further assistance to you, please feel free to call us.

Sincerely,

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