

# Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

We want to give you one last update today as we are going to suspend our twice-weekly letters to you as the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) seems to have subsided for now. We remain in a good place at the Home, as we do not have any residents or staff members with COVID-19 at this time. We have been COVID-19 free since Valentine's Day.

In terms of our region, COVID-19 continues to trend downward. We wanted to share the latest number for Suffolk County. Yesterday's positivity rate was 2.2% and the seven-day average is 2.8%. Two hundred and eighteen individuals remain hospitalized for COVID-19 at various Suffolk County hospitals. Thirty-six of these patients are in ICU's and 21 remain on ventilators. The majority of patients are either unvaccinated and/or have not taken a booster. We continue to urge our family members to get boosted.

Late this afternoon, we received notification from Governor Hochul's office that the vaccine booster mandate for New York State healthcare workers has been temporarily suspended for 90 days and will be reevaluated in May of 2022. We are pleased to report that 89% of our staff have taken the vaccine booster at this time. We will share more information with you as we receive it.

Yesterday, we had our Family Council meeting via Zoom. During the course of the meeting, we provided updates and responded to questions. We are grateful to all the families that participated. Our next Family Council Meeting will be on March 24 at 11:00 AM. Please save the date!

Since March 4, 2020, we have kept our pledge to you by providing detailed information about the pandemic and its impact to the Home. Since the beginning, we have written 202 letters to you, our loyal families. Should a new variant impact our residents we will restart our twice-weekly correspondence to you. Thank you again and going forward, never hesitate to reach out to us.

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