

Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

As we begin the month of February, we would like to continue our commitment in providing you with the latest information on our ongoing fight against the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). We continue to be stable with our virus numbers at this time.

Today, we have 19 residents who are currently positive for the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Five residents are here at the Home, all properly cohorted and quarantined. Fourteen residents are currently receiving treatment at Stony Brook University Hospital. We are saddened to report that we had one veteran pass away from the virus since our last Friday's letter. A 90-year old Korean War Air Force veteran succumbed to COVID-19. This hero had multiple comorbidities in addition to having the virus. The entire LISVH family extends our deepest condolences to the family and friends of this veteran. He lived the Air Force motto of "Aim High . . . Fly-Fight-Win" during the Korean War, reminding all of us "freedom is not free." We honor the personal sacrifice of this veteran's military service as we experience our freedoms as Americans.

Yesterday, we endured the first Nor'easter of 2021. With over a foot of snow that fell onto our campus, we did not miss a beat in the provision of care to your loved one. We would like to recognize our dedicated staff who made it to work despite the hazardous conditions presented by this powerful weather event. We would also like to acknowledge Michael Scioscia, our Director of Facilities, for coordinating the snow cleanup of our 25-acre campus. Our crew did an exceptional job despite the blizzard-like conditions.

In terms of our workforce of 675 employees, there are currently 258 staff members who have tested positive since March 10, 2020. Thirty-five of them are quarantining at their homes and 223 employees have fully recovered and returned to work. We continue to require two tests per week from full-time employees and onsite testing continues to be made available every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Lastly, we are one week away from our third and final COVID-19 vaccine clinic with our partners from CVS Pharmacy. They will be here next Monday, February 8, 2021 to provide second doses to all residents and employees who received their first vaccine in January. Since the federal vaccine program with CVS ends next week, we are currently seeking alternative sources to vaccinate newly admitted residents, as well as newly hired employees who want to receive the vaccine. We will share more information as we receive it. Again, please reach out to us if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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