

Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

As another week comes to a close, we want to take this opportunity to share our latest situation with you - our family and friends. Our resident numbers remain stable. Today, we have three residents who are positive for the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Two residents are here at the Home, both are asymptomatic, and properly quarantined and cohorted. One resident, in stable condition, remains at Stony Brook University Hospital awaiting a negative swab test. We look forward to his return.

As it relates to our workforce, to date, 289 of our 675 employees have tested positive for the virus. Eighteen are currently quarantining at home, and 271 have fully recovered and have returned to work. This is important to note, since the New York State Department of Health requires that all nursing homes be free of any COVID positive cases (both resident and staff) for a 14-day period prior to reinstating visitation. Like all nursing homes in New York State, this is the most challenging mandate to meet. We will continue to strive to reach all requirements necessary for visitation.

Earlier this week, we had productive conversations with Carol Gomes, the CEO at Stony Brook University Hospital, Dr. Antonio Sanchez, the Executive Director at the Northport VA Hospital, and Hon. Steve Bellone, Suffolk County Executive. All three indicated that they would assist us in securing additional COVID-19 vaccines in the weeks and months ahead. This is a significant step, as we continue to take new admissions and employ new staff. We are fortunate to have partnerships with Stony Brook Medicine, the Veterans Administration, and Suffolk County.

Lastly, please remain vigilant in practicing the 3 W's.

- Wear a mask
- Wash your hands
- Watch your distance

Your actions in the fight against the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) matter. We appreciate your cooperation and you doing your part. As always, please call if we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

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