

# Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

As Super Bowl weekend begins, we have completed day 332 in our ongoing fight against the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). We are pleased to report that our numbers continue to trend downward as we confront our post-holiday surge of this ongoing wicked and elusive virus. We are committed to sharing the latest information with you regarding our situation at the Home.

Today we have 13 residents who are currently positive for the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Three residents are here at the Home, all properly cohorted and quarantined. Ten residents are currently at Stony Brook University Hospital receiving treatment. We are saddened to report that we had a veteran pass away this morning from the virus. A 90-year old Korean War Army veteran succumbed to COVID-19 in addition to his multiple comorbidities. We mourn the loss of this veteran, as he has been a huge friend to our Home prior to his admission earlier this year. His passing reminds us of the going strong support we receive from the veteran community on Long Island and beyond. The entire LISVH family grieves the loss of this hero and we extend our deepest condolences to his family and friends.

Our staff numbers are continuing to trend in the right direction as well. Since March 10, 2020, we have had 262 of 675 employees test positive for the virus. Twenty-two are quarantining at their homes, and most of them are asymptomatic. We have had 240 employees fully recover and return to work. Swab testing for COVID-19 remains in place as we continue to try to stay in front of the virus.

Just a final reminder that our third and last CVS Pharmacy vaccine clinic will be on Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021. CVS will be here to administer second doses of the vaccine to all residents and employees that have already received their first dose. Since this is the last visit through this federal program, we are making plans to secure more COVID-19 vaccine from an alternate source so we can accommodate all new admissions, residents who may now qualify for vaccination as well as any additional employees. We also encourage you, our families, to secure the vaccine for yourselves as well.

With the big game upon us, our Therapeutic Recreation has a multiple of activities planned around Super Bowl LV. Our residents are all participating in our football pool and will have plenty of opportunities to win some nice prizes. Chef Jeff and our Food Services Department are preparing some game-time fare including hot dogs, baked beans, green beans as well as cupcakes for dessert. As always, we will have alternatives available based on your loved one's diet.

We hope that you will enjoy the game this Sunday. Please call us if we can be of further assistance to you.

Sincerely,

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