

Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

We are in day 336 in our fight against the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). We want to take this opportunity to update you on our latest situation at the Home. First, here is a quick update on the latest COVID-19 statistics:

USA	27,193,000 cases	466,500 deaths
NY State	1,499,000 cases	44,637 deaths
Suffolk County	150,700 cases	2,891 deaths

Thankfully, our numbers continue to trend in the right direction and we are hoping that the recent snowstorm on Super Bowl Sunday has lowered the probability of another upward spike in cases. We will be watching closely for the next 14 days. As of today, we have nine residents that are positive for the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Two residents are here at the Home, all properly cohorted and quarantined. Seven residents are currently at Stony Brook University Hospital receiving treatment.

As you may know, our workforce is made up of 675 employees. In total, 264 employees have tested positive for the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) since March 10, 2020. Currently, 17 employees are quarantining at home and 247 staff members are fully recovered and have returned to work. Employee swab testing for COVID-19 remains robust and all our caregivers and ancillary staff are meeting the required testing guidelines as put forth by federal, state and local guidelines.

Yesterday, we had our third and final COVID-19 vaccine clinic here at the Home. CVS Pharmacy came in to administer second doses to all those who received their first dose on January 18, 19 and 20, 2021. CVS Pharmacy came to us as part of the federal program to vaccinate nursing home residents as well as nursing home staff. We want to acknowledge the CVS team for a job well done. Recognizing that this is a snapshot of where we are today, we would like to provide you with an update on our vaccine statistics. Currently, 82% of our residents have been vaccinated. We had 9% of our residents decline the vaccine and another 9% who were ineligible (due to illness) or recently admitted to our Home. We are working to get this group their first dose of the vaccine with an alternative provider. As it relates to our workforce, 47% of our caregivers and ancillary staff received the vaccine. A review of the current literature indicates nationwide, about 33% of all nursing home workers are taking the COVID-19 vaccine. While we would like to be at 100%, it should be noted that the COVID-19 vaccine is not mandatory. We will continue to identify opportunities for employees to obtain the vaccine when future occasions arise.

We truly appreciate your diligence in reading our twice-weekly letter. Please reach out to us if we can be of further assistance to you.

Sincerely,

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