

Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

As we complete day number 371 in the fight against the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), we want to once again update you on our situation. We continue to remain stable and are pleased to report that there are **no cases** of COVID-19 among our resident population. Additional swab testing of our residents continues and we have not had any new cases. In terms of our workforce, 307 of our 675 employees have tested positive for the virus since March 10, 2020. Currently, twenty-three of our staff members are quarantining at home, while 284 employees are fully recovered and have returned to work. It should be noted that those employees who are quarantining at home have either no symptoms or mild symptoms.

COVID-19 vaccine administration remains a primary objective, and all new admissions will be offered an opportunity to receive a vaccine while here. We again are prepping to do another round of vaccines for residents this coming Friday. We will once again secure doses from the Suffolk County Department of Health. Thank you again to County Executive Steve Bellone for always making our veterans and their families a top priority. We hope that all our family members are seeking out the vaccine as well. Vaccination, as well as practicing social distancing, mask wearing and handwashing, remain the key components to defeating this wicked and elusive virus.

With the warm weather fast approaching, we remain committed to getting our residents outdoors for some sunshine, fresh air and change of scenery. We are once again reviewing our processes to ensure that our residents can enjoy the great outdoors while preventing a third wave of COVID-19. This activity remains an arduous task, but all of us here are up to the challenge of making it happen safely.

Lastly, we want to wish everyone a happy Saint Patrick's Day tomorrow. Our holiday tree in the main lobby has green lights and shamrocks and Chef Jeff will be serving some traditional Irish fare at lunch tomorrow. Residents will enjoy corned beef and cabbage, boiled potatoes and an Irish Jell-O parfait. Also, the Joe Roche Band will be performing a virtual concert of great Irish music on our in-house closed circuit television. We are looking forward to our special activities tomorrow. As always, we stand ready to answer your questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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