

Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

As you know from previous correspondence to you, we continue to be in a dynamic situation. Proud to say that our staff is holding up well and we continue to be committed to our mission, regardless of this unprecedented pandemic.

As of this writing, we have six positive cases of novel coronavirus (COVID-19). Three of the positive cases are on Unit 3D and one case is on Unit 1C. All four veterans, here at the Home are doing well. Two of our veterans are at Stony Brook University Hospital receiving treatment. We salute our colleagues at Stony Brook Medicine for all their efforts in caring for our residents.

A word about Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). While we have been issuing PPE to all members of our staff, as per New York State Department of Health guidelines, those caregivers and ancillary personnel on units 1C, 1D, 3C & 3D have received additional equipment (N95 respirator masks and personal goggles and/or face shields). Any unit (and sister unit) with a positive COVID-19 case has been properly equipped. Again, we have been able to secure adequate amounts of PPE and we are in good shape at this time. We now recognize that we are in a competitive situation, competing against other nursing homes, as well as hospitals and hospital systems. Our purchasing agents are working diligently to keep the supply of PPE steady and adequate.

A word about environmental services. We have ramped up disinfection throughout the building. All cleaning is conducted utilizing the most current standards of the Environmental Protection Agency. All of our equipment is cleaned prior to use and assigned to specific units to avoid cross contamination. Approved cleaning supplies to combat the COVID-19 virus are abundant. Cleaning frequencies have been increased and focused.

Because you asked, we responded. Our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) are now on this website. Please take a moment to review this document. Thank you to all families for submitting questions. If you have additional questions, please call your social worker directly. We will be updating our FAQ sheet on a timely basis.

Lastly, we wanted to let you know how much we miss you all. We can't wait to return to some normalcy, however, we remain completely focused on the battle. Again, family support has been extremely high, we feel it and greatly appreciate it!

Continue to stay safe, stay strong and stay home.

Best,

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