

Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

As another week ends in our fight against the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), we are extremely pleased to announce that we have no cases among our resident population. With our one-year anniversary of dealing with the pandemic fast approaching, this milestone of zero active cases is another important step for our Home.

Our workforce numbers remain a challenge. Currently 294 of our 675 employees have tested positive for the virus. Seventeen are actively quarantining at home and 277 have fully recovered and have returned to work. Staff testing remains robust as we try to stay ahead of the virus.

We will remain focused on our ongoing vaccination program. Our ongoing goal is to provide a vaccine to all eligible residents and all employees who want it. We feel that vaccine availability will increase substantially over the next two months. We have had multiple inquiries from our staff about the new Johnson & Johnson vaccine. We continue to work with Stony Brook Medicine and Suffolk County to secure the vaccine. We again want to thank Dr. Antonio Sanchez and his team at the Northport VA Hospital for accommodating all eligible veterans who needed their second dose of the vaccine.

In closing, while we are pleased with the status of our residents, we will remain vigilant. We have been here before, but always remember the unpredictability of COVID-19. We encourage all our families to seek out the vaccine for themselves and to continue to practice the 3W's at home and in the community. Please know you can always reach out to us with any questions.

Sincerely,

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