

# Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

As we approach our one year anniversary in the battle against the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), we continue to update our families on our latest situation here at the Long Island State Veterans Home. Clear and ongoing communication is a top priority as we continue to address this pandemic. As we begin the second year in the fight, please be assured that you will always be informed of what is happening at the Home as it relates to the virus.

We remain extremely pleased to report that we continue to have **no cases** of COVID-19 among our resident population. We actively test all the residents on an ongoing basis, again trying to stay ahead of any potential new case. As it relates to our workforce, we have had 298 out of our 675 employees test positive for the virus in the past year. Earlier today, 4 employees have tested positive; they, along with 11 other employees, are currently quarantining at their homes. We have 283 staff members that have fully recovered and have returned to work. Again, we are regularly testing our staff twice per week in order to stay ahead of the virus.

We continue to remain vigilant about ongoing vaccine administration for our new residents and new employees. On Friday, we will be securing new doses of Moderna vaccine from Suffolk County for immediate administration. We are grateful to County Executive Steve Bellone and the Suffolk County Department of Health for making us a top priority within the region. We encourage all our family members to pursue the COVID-19 vaccine as well. Vaccinations have been making a positive impact and we hope you will join us in protecting one another.

We also want to inform you that the New York State Assembly has passed Assembly Bill 1052B and the New York State Senate has passed Senate Bill S614B. Both bills create “Essential Caregivers” for all nursing home residents in New York State. We remain hopeful that the Governor will sign this pending legislation into law. It can only have a positive impact for our residents and you-our families!

In closing, please know we remain here for you. If we can be of further service, don’t hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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