

Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

As we approach the middle of April, we want to update you on our latest situation with our fight against the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Here are the latest national and local statistics:

USA	32,013,126 cases	576,657 deaths
NY State	2,004,923 cases	51,471 deaths
Suffolk County	237,305 cases	3,298 deaths

Out of the approximate 1,477,000 people who reside in Suffolk County, 550,237 have taken at least one dose of the vaccine, while 339,586 individuals have completed their COVID-19 vaccine regime.

The Long Island State Veterans Home continues to have only one resident who is positive for the virus at this time. Our other residents are regularly tested and continue to have negative results. This is an ongoing good sign for us. Since we wrote to you last Friday, we have had two employees test positive for COVID-19. Since March 10, 2020, we have had 334 staff members test positive for the virus. Ten are currently quarantining at their homes and 324 have fully recovered and have returned to work. Testing of staff remains robust as we try to stay ahead of this virus.

Our vaccination protocols remain in place and we have sufficient doses to give to new admissions, as well as employees who are ready to take the vaccine. Our percentage of residents who have taken the vaccine remains strong and our employee numbers are slowly rising as well. We will share the actual percentages with you at the end of the month.

Lastly, we continue with our scheduled compassionate visits as well as “Operation Sunshine.” Residents are enjoying the spring weather and are now able to get outside on a routine basis. Currently, we are waiting for the “Essential Caregiver” guidelines from the New York State Department of Health. We will surely share with all our families and new information regarding this matter. We recommend that you work with your social worker to arrange a compassionate visit with your loved one. We will continue to do our best to accommodate all requests. Please know that we remain available to answer any questions or concerns you may have. Enjoy the rest of the week.

Sincerely,

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