

Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

As we start the month of April, we want to bring you up to date on our situation at the Long Island State Veterans Home. After we wrote to you last Tuesday, we had a resident test positive for the novel- Coronavirus (COVID-19). This resident is currently asymptomatic and has been properly cohorted and quarantined at the Home. All other residents were swab tested this week and have tested negative for the virus. This is a clear sign that our vaccination process is working.

On the employee front, 329 of our 675 employees have tested positive for the COVID-19 virus since March 10, 2020. Thirty staff members are currently quarantining at their home, while 299 have fully recovered and have returned to work. Since we last wrote to you, five additional employees have tested positive for the virus. COVID19 swab testing remains robust, as we always want to stay ahead of the virus.

We continue to provide vaccines to newly admitted residents and additional employees requesting to take it. Vaccine doses continue to be secured from the Suffolk County Department of Health, who has been a solid partner in our ongoing efforts to vaccinate our residents and staff. As mentioned in previous letters, vaccine administration will continue every week for the foreseeable future.

With one new resident and five new employees testing positive, we are considered to be in “outbreak mode” at this time. While this deters our ability to reopen for normal visiting, we continue to allow scheduled compassionate visits for all families. We ask that you work closely with your assigned social worker to arrange for visitation. We continue to balance family visiting with our desire to prevent another wave of this wicked and elusive virus.

With the holiest of weeks upon us, we extend our best wishes to our families celebrating Easter and Passover. Our Chaplains (Father Tom, Rabbi Joe and Reverend Greg) continue to meet the spiritual needs of our residents and employees despite this pandemic. Chef Jeff and our culinary team are preparing an Easter lunch of baked ham, stuffing, honey glazed carrots, as well as carrot cake for dessert. As always, alternatives will be available for all residents in order to meet their dining preferences. Please call us directly if we can be of further service to you. Enjoy your weekend.

Sincerely,

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