

Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

As we complete day 406 in the battle against the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), we want to take this opportunity to update you to our current situation at the Home. Our resident population remains stable with still only one resident positive for the virus. This resident remains properly cohorted and quarantined and today tested negative for COVID-19. The Home's COVID-19 policy requires two negative tests before we can declare the resident COVID-19 recovered. We will conduct another test before the week is over and we look forward to this resident returning to his/her original unit.

As it relates to our workforce, we have had no new employees test positive for the virus since last Friday. We did swab-test numerous employees yesterday and while we are still awaiting some results, we believe this is a very good sign. We had 336 employees test positive for the virus since March 10, 2020. Six are currently quarantining at home and 330 have fully recovered and have returned to work. As you know, we swab test employees every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We remain committed to staying ahead of this virus.

Vaccinations continue to be administered. Today we gave out ten second-dose vaccinations and tomorrow we will give out ten first-dose vaccines. Getting residents and employees protected remains our top priority and we continue to have vaccines available for all those who want it. Vaccination will be ongoing.

Scheduled compassionate care visits also remain a high priority. We encourage our families to reach out to their Social Worker to arrange a visit. We hope to begin outdoor visiting on or about May 1. The warmer weather will facilitate our being able to accommodate more residents and their families. We will continue to facilitate visits through a scheduling process and appreciate your cooperation as we enter this next phase.

Tomorrow, Wednesday, April 21, Stony Brook University will be celebrating its 3rd Annual Giving Day, a one-day event when philanthropic giving takes hold of our community to support programs that help make Stony Brook University great. LISVH will be included in this event, as we are raising funds for our Therapeutic Recreation programs. We hope you will take a moment to watch the [LISVH Giving Day Video](#) by clicking on the link and going our giving page to donate. No gift is too small and we hope you will consider participating. We are also asking to please share our link with families and friends. Your participation does makes a difference.

In closing, we all remain available to respond to any questions you may have. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Sincerely,

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