

Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

We are pleased to report that we continue to trend in the right direction in our ongoing fight against the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). As we remain committed to transparency, we would like to provide you with an update on the latest situation here at the Home. Currently, we have **no residents** who are positive for the COVID-19 virus. We have had no new cases of the virus amongst our workforce since last Friday as well. We have had 336 employees test positive for the virus since March 10, 2020. Two employees are quarantining at their homes and 334 employees are fully recovered and have returned to work. Swab testing for residents and employees is ongoing, as we work diligently to stay ahead of any new wave of this illness.

Our ongoing push to vaccinate continues. Today we have provided vaccines to four newly admitted veterans and six employees. Vaccination remains the key to returning to normalcy. We continue to educate our residents and staff on the importance of being protected.

Many of you have reached out to us regarding the return to normal visiting. It is our goal to have expanded visiting opportunities beginning Monday, May 3, 2021. While our COVID-19 numbers are good at this time, going forward we must balance increasing family visiting while remaining vigilant in protecting our frail, elderly population. As you know, this is no easy task. Federal and State regulations are requiring nursing homes to temperature screen all visitors as well as to assure visitor compliance with PPE, social distancing, and the proper use of hand sanitizer. We are also doing another complete round of COVID-19 swab testing on all our residents in preparation for next Monday.

The plan is to maintain compassionate visits for our bed bound residents, while implementing additional outdoor (weather permitting) and indoor visits at various times throughout the day. We will still schedule your visit, however, we are in the final stages of securing an electronic scheduling system in order to make the process easier for you. For those family members who are computer challenged, our social work team will continue to assist you with arranging a visit. We will have more detailed information in our Friday letter to you.

Lastly, we will have another family council meeting via Zoom on Friday, April 30, 2021 at 11:00am. The meeting will enable us to provide you with up to date information and answer any

questions you may have. Please know you can call us anytime and do not have to wait until Friday to speak with us. We remain honored to care for your loved one.

Sincerely,

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