

Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

With the month of April coming to an end, we would like to take this opportunity to update you on our current situation at the Long Island State Veterans Home as we continue in the fight against the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). In our region, the current COVID-19 positivity rate for Suffolk County is 1.7%. There are still 217 people hospitalized for COVID-19 within the various hospitals around our county. Approximately 35 of the 217 remain on ventilators. We share this information to remind you that while the situation is much better than a few months ago, COVID-19 remains in our community.

We reached a new milestone this week here at the Home!!! We have had **no residents** and **no employees** test positive for the virus over the past 14 days. We are finally able to discontinue outbreak testing procedures and residents are off transmission based precautions for COVID-19. Residents can now resume communal dining and small recreational therapy activities. We are currently in a stable situation, therefore one step closer to returning to normal. As we continue to expand services, we remain vigilant that the virus could return, and will use total caution in everything we do.

Earlier today we had our monthly ZOOM Family Council meeting. Thank you to the many families who participated in this event. We updated families on our current situation and we were able to answer many questions as well. The biggest issue was regarding visitation. We are pleased to report that in-person scheduled visitation will begin on Monday, May 3, 2021. You may schedule your indoor or outdoor in-person visits by utilizing our new SIGNUP GENIUS, now available on our website. When you go onto our website, please go to the COVID-19 section. We are kindly asking families to coordinate their visits as we hope to accommodate a weekly visit for everyone here at the Home. There are no longer age restrictions on those who may visit, as long as a child is accompanied by an adult. All compassionate care visits already scheduled during the month of May will be honored as we transition into the new system. If you are unable to access the electronic schedule, please reach out to your social worker for assistance. We look forward to seeing you all again.

While we continue to encourage vaccination, we want to notify you that community access for COVID-19 vaccines is now available to anyone 16 or older without an appointment in our region. Please help us to get the word out to family members and friends. In closing, we are here for you; please feel free to call us. Enjoy your weekend.

Sincerely,

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