

Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

As we complete day 427 in the fight against the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), we want to provide you with an update on our situation at the Long Island State Veterans Home. As of yesterday, the COVID-19 positivity rate in Suffolk County was 1.3%. This is a good number for our region as we hope it continues to trend downward in the coming weeks.

Our situation here remains the same as when we last wrote to you this past Friday. Our resident population remains COVID-19 free at this time. We continue to have five employees who are quarantining at their homes, following their testing positive for the virus last week. Four of the five staff members who remain on home isolation were fully vaccinated for COVID-19 prior to testing positive. As required by the NYSDOH, we have tested all residents and employees and as of this writing, we have had no additional positive results. We hope to remain stable.

Tomorrow, our plan is to resume normal scheduled visiting for the following nursing units: 1B, 2A, 2B, 3A and 3D. By Friday of this week, we hope to include all the other units (1A, 2D, 3B and 3C) as well. As we continue to follow all federal, state and local regulations involving the pandemic, we apologize for this temporary disruption. If you have a specific question or concern about visiting, please don't hesitate to reach out to your assigned Social Worker.

Vaccination remains a top priority here at the Home. On Friday, we will once again be inoculating newly admitted residents as well as employees ready to take the vaccine. Our push to vaccinate is ongoing and the supply is plentiful. We hope that all our families continue to get vaccinated as well. It is the best way to reach herd immunity in our region.

Please know that all this week, we are celebrating Nursing Week. We honor our RN's, LPN's and Certified Nursing Assistants for their dedication and commitment to our residents. To have a great nursing home, you must have great nursing staff. We remain extremely proud of our caregivers and all they do to keep your loved one safe and comfortable. We hope you will join us in acknowledging our nursing team during their special week. Again, please feel free to reach out to us if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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