

Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

We are extremely pleased to report that our situation continues to remain stable at this time. There have been no cases of the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) detected in our resident population and our workforce for the past 15 days. While we remain in a good place, we continue to conduct ongoing swab testing in accordance with the New York State Department of Health guidance to stay ahead of any potential return of the virus.

Vaccination of our residents and employees remains a high priority. This week, we will be holding vaccine administration clinics on Wednesday and Thursday. Currently, 93% of our residents and 66% of our employees are fully vaccinated. Vaccination education remains ongoing and we will continue to share our rates with you in future letters. The vaccine is making a difference and we hope that all our family and friends are choosing to be vaccinated as well.

Effective tomorrow (Wednesday, May 19, 2021), Governor Cuomo has adopted the CDC's new mask and social distancing guidance for vaccinated people. Unvaccinated people should continue to wear a mask. In addition, masks will still be required for everyone on public transportation, in school settings and most important, in nursing homes. While we are excited about these newly regained freedoms, we will still require a mask and social distancing while you come and visit. General visitation is scheduled through our [SignUp Genius application](#) on our website. Temperature screening, completion of the COVID-19 questionnaire, and a face covering is still required for each visit. Families have been extremely cooperative and we want to thank everyone for their ongoing adherence to our protocols. Please know how excited we are to see all of you back at the Home.

Earlier today, we had a virtual Resident Council meeting. Throughout the pandemic, we have had monthly virtual meetings with all our residents in order to keep all those who live here up to date. We were very pleased to announce that residents can now go outdoors on their own. We are reminding residents to alert nursing staff when they leave the unit and when they return. Residents will also be required to wear masks and practice social distancing while outdoors. We have come a long way from the start of the pandemic on March 10, 2020. Please know that we remain vigilant and that our priority continues to be keeping our residents and employees safe.

We continue to appreciate your reading our LISVH family letter every Tuesday and Friday. Please know that we continue to be available to you – our families. Again, please feel free to reach out to us if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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