

# Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

As we complete another week in the fight against the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), we want to give you a complete update on our situation at the Long Island State Veterans Home. As of yesterday, the COVID-19 positivity rate in Suffolk County was 1.2%. This continues to be good news for our region; however, we must maintain caution in all we do.

Today our resident population remains COVID-19 free, as we have no cases among those who call LISVH their Home. Unfortunately, since our last correspondence to you, we have had five employees test positive for COVID-19. Four of the five were fully vaccinated (two doses) and some have minor symptoms. This situation is considered an “outbreak” by the New York State Department of Health and now requires us to swab test our entire resident population and monitor the results. In addition, ongoing swab testing of all employees remains in full force.

Due to these new occurrences of the virus, we are now required to temporarily pause visitation and “Operation Sunshine.” Effective immediately, we have to suspend scheduled visitation and “Operation Sunshine” until “outbreak” swab testing has been completed for all residents and all employees. Please rest assured that we continue to follow all federal and state guidelines as required. We recognize the potential disappointment in not being able to see your loved one this Mother’s Day weekend, however, we remain committed to providing a safe and comfortable environment for all that call LISVH their Home.

Speaking of Mother’s Day, our residents will be enjoying a special lunch prepared by Chef Jeff and our Morrison’s Food Service team on Monday. The meal will include roasted chicken, accompanied by tricolor asparagus and sweet pea risotto. The dessert will be Cherry Short Cake. While all of our residents are special, we will be acknowledging “our Moms” all weekend long. To all the Moms among our families and friends, best regards for your special day as well. Please continue to stay safe and do not hesitate to reach out to us if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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