

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 take this opportunity to update you on our situation at the Home. Earlier this week, we had a veteran test positive for the virus. This resident had mild symptoms and is being treated at the Home. The resident, and his roommate who has no symptoms, have been properly cohorted and quarantined as per federal, state and local requirements. In addition, we have conducted COVID-19 testing on all residents and are pleased to tell you that all the other tests were negative. The veteran who tested positive was fully vaccinated and is considered a “breakthrough” case.

On the employee front, we have 9 caregivers who are currently positive for the virus. They have mild to no symptoms and are properly quarantining at their homes. All employees are also being tested weekly so that we can stay ahead of the virus. Ongoing education about the vaccine is provided, and we continue to get a steady stream of hesitant employees who are now asking for the vaccine.

Dr. Anshu Singh, our Medical Director, is finalizing the list of current residents who will be eligible for the COVID-19 third dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines. These residents who require the third dose should receive it shortly. If you have a question on this topic, please speak to your loved one’s physician.

Visitation is temporarily suspended due to our new positive case. We anticipate that regularly scheduled visits should begin to return as follows:

August 26th for Units 1A/1B/1D/2D/3A/3B; August 28th for Unit 3C & 3D; August 30th for Unit 2A; and September 3rd for 2B. Indoor visitation for all units is expected to resume on September 3rd. These dates are subject to change should we identify any new cases. Once again, we are grateful to our families for their incredible patience as we continue to endure the disruptions caused by new outbreaks.

Earlier today, we had a Family Council Zoom call and were able to update you and answer your questions. We are grateful to all those who joined us. Please know that you never need a Family Council meeting to ask us a question or share a comment. We are always here for you. Please continue to actively practice the 3W’s (Wear a Mask, Wash your Hands, Watch your Distance) and have a great weekend.

Sincerely,

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