Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

With the month of August now coming to a close, we want to take this opportunity to bring you the latest situation at the Home. We currently have one resident who remains positive with the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). This resident is symptom free, resting comfortably, properly cohorted, and quarantined on a separate unit as per federal, state, and local requirements. Currently, we also have three employees who are positive for the virus. They each have mild to no symptoms and are properly quarantining at their homes.

Indoor visitation remains on pause as we complete the required outbreak testing for all residents and staff. Testing frequently allows us to stay ahead of the virus and limits its spread in our Home. Regularly scheduled outdoor visitation has resumed for Nursing Units 1A, 1B, 2A, 3A, 3C and 3D. Nursing Units 2B and 3B will reopen for outdoor visitation on September 2nd; Nursing Unit 1D will reopen for outdoor visitation on September 3rd; and Nursing Unit 2D will reopen for outdoor visiting on September 7th.

All dates above are subject to change based on any additional positive tests that are identified. We appreciate your ongoing flexibility as we continue to deal with the unpredictability of COVID-19. The status of facility visitation can be seen at any time on our website. We strongly encourage all family and friends to review the website prior to traveling to the Home for a visit.

Lastly, we are continuing to educate our unvaccinated staff about benefits of vaccination, especially as we approach the New York State mandatory vaccination deadline (September 27, 2021) for health care workers. With the mandate just four weeks away, we are urging our unvaccinated employees to take the shot.

The Delta variant remains throughout Suffolk County so please take proper precaution and continue to practice the 3W's:

Wash Your Hands Wear Your Mask Watch Your Distance

As always, we remain here for you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Sincerely,

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