

# Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

Once again, we want our family and friends to have the latest information on our ongoing fight against the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). **We are pleased to report that we remain in a stable situation and do not have any cases of COVID-19 among our residents at this time.** We currently do have five employees who are positive for the COVID-19 virus. All of these staff members have no to mild symptoms and are properly quarantining in their homes as required by federal, state and local guidelines.

COVID-19 numbers are trending downward in our region. Yesterday's positivity number was 3.8% and the 7-day rolling average is 4.2%. The Delta variant remains virulent and we hope you continue to take proper precaution, especially in community settings. We will continue to monitor the numbers and share them with you.

We are about a week away from the New York State Department of Health vaccine mandate deadline of September 27, 2021. We have been administering COVID-19 vaccines since December 2020 and continue to urge staff who are vaccine hesitant to consider taking one of the three available options (Pfizer, Moderna or Johnson & Johnson). As the deadline approaches, more and more staff have taken the vaccine and we are grateful for their participation. Vaccination is the key element to ending our pandemic.

Now for a quick update on visiting. We continue to have outdoor visiting for all nursing units except 2A and 2B. We are limiting nursing units 2A and 2B to only compassionate visits at this time due to a recent exposure. This is being done out of an abundance of caution and complies with current regulations. We anticipate that indoor visiting will reopen for the entire facility on Sunday, October 3, 2021. Please continue to use SignUp Genius to schedule your visits and know that all visitation remains subject to change based on any new outbreaks.

We are putting the finishing touches on our 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Classic, which will be held on Thursday, September 23 at the Willow Creek Golf Club in Mt. Sinai. Our Golf Classic is our primary fundraiser and we would like to acknowledge Harry Janson of ShopRite of Hauppauge and Patchogue for once again serving as our Golf Chairman. We would also like to thank our families who generously donated to this event. All of our proceeds go to support programs and services for our veterans.

Please know we remain here for you – our families. We are a phone call away; never hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

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