

Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

With the end of 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. **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 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 fortunately trending downward in our region. Yesterday's COVID-19 positivity rate was 3.9% and the 7-day rolling average is 4.0%. There are currently 216 individuals hospitalized with COVID-19 in Suffolk County. Forty of these individuals are in ICU's and 26 of them are on ventilators. We urge you to continue to utilize safe practices (masking, distancing and hand washing), especially when engaging in activities in your community.

Just a quick update on visiting. Nursing Units 2A, 2B and 3C are temporarily on hold for visiting due to a recent exposure to COVID-19. We anticipate reopening Units 2A and 2B on October 1 and Unit 3C on October 6. All other units are able to have outdoor visits. Please continue to utilize SignUp Genius on our website and be cognizant that this schedule can change at any time due to additional outbreaks.

With the New York State Department of Health vaccine mandate deadline of September 27, 2021 a few days away, we will begin the termination process for any unvaccinated employee beginning at 7:00 AM next Tuesday. Governor Hochul is not offering a testing option, so those who want to remain employed must have at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine by next Tuesday. Sadly, we have approximately 90 employees who have decided not to take the vaccine. While we value the service of each and every one of them, we are required to enforce the vaccine mandate. We will continue to update you on this situation next week.

Yesterday, we held our 19th Annual LISVH Golf Classic at the Willow Creek Golf Club in Mount Sinai. The weather fully cooperated and a great time was had by all. Under the leadership of our Golf Classic Chairman, Harry Janson, we raised over \$150,000 at this event. One hundred percent of these proceeds will be used for programs and services for our veterans. Once again, a big thank you to all those families who generously contributed to this annual fundraiser.

In closing, we want you to know that we are here for you if you have questions or concerns, please reach out to us. Wishing you a great weekend as well.

Sincerely,

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