

Long Island State Veterans Home



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To All Family and Friends:

With the week coming to a close, we just wanted to update you on COVID-19 activities here at the Home. First and foremost, thank you for adhering to our visitor restriction policy at this time. While putting this into place earlier this week has caused some disruption, we view this action as extremely prudent for the safety and well-being of your loved one.

As of this writing, we continue to have no cases of COVID-19 associated with our Home. This includes residents, ADHC registrants and employees. We continue to follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) recommended guidelines.

As an added layer of protection, we will begin screening (to include a body temperature check) all employees on every shift, as they report to work.

We are avoiding large gatherings of residents within the Home and have increased our unit-based Therapeutic Recreation Programs.

We continue to maintain a high level of cleaning and disinfecting throughout the building, with a focus on high-touch areas. This remains a top priority.

Please remember, that in addition to no visiting, we are not allowing any resident into the community, with the exception of urgently required medical care.

We recognize that you miss your loved one and we have asked our departments of Social Work and Therapeutic Recreation to help facilitate video visits through Skype, FaceTime, etc. with you upon request. Please reach out to your Social Worker to schedule a video visit. Social Worker contact info is as follows:

Director of Social Work – Lisa Cirami – 631-444-8540

Units 1A and Unit 1B – Denise Schaeffer – 631-444-8542

Units 1C and 1D – Margaret Sanchez – 631-444-8546

Units 2A & 2B – Ree Hertzson – 631-444-8557

Units 2C & 2D and 1N – Maralyn Thompson – 631-444-8756

Units 3A & 3B – Jennifer Viania – 631-444-8544

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In closing, please know that we are part of the effort to reduce community spread of the COVID-19 virus and to protect our veterans and staff. As always, we stand ready to answer any questions you may have and appreciate your support, patience and full cooperation during this unprecedented event.

Sincerely,



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