

# Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

As we complete another week in our fight against the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), we want to keep our continued commitment to maintain transparency with all our families and friends. We continue to have only one resident who is positive for the virus at this time. All of our residents are swab-tested on an ongoing basis. Since we last wrote to you on Tuesday, we have had an additional employee test positive. As of this writing, 332 of our 675 employees have tested positive for the virus. Twenty-one employees are currently quarantining at their homes, while 311 staff members are fully recovered and have returned to work. As previously stated in past letters, we regularly swab test our staff, with the focused intent to remain ahead of the virus.

We continue to vaccinate both residents and employees. Earlier today we gave second doses to 18 residents and first doses to two employees. Vaccine supply remains robust and we are grateful to our vaccine partners, including Stony Brook Medicine, the Northport VA Hospital, and the Suffolk County Department of Health. Again, vaccine administration is critical to reaching herd immunity in our Home, in our region, in our state, and all across the nation.

Now that the warm weather has returned, we have reactivated "Operation Sunshine." We had a busy week and many of our residents were able to get outside for some sunshine and fresh air. Our Therapeutic Recreation staff is coordinating this activity and weather permitting, our residents will be able to get outside and enjoy a little bit of nature.

We also want to take a moment to introduce Dr. Mohammed Alam, who recently joined our staff. With Dr. Anshu Singh assuming the role of Medical Director, we have recruited Dr. Alam to oversee the medical care of residents residing on nursing units 1A, 3A and 3B. Dr. Alam comes to us from the Gurwin Jewish Nursing & Rehabilitation Center and has practiced geriatrics for almost 20 years. If your loved one resides on 1A, 3A or 3B, please join us in welcoming Dr. Alam.

In closing, please know that we appreciate your ongoing trust in us to care for your loved one. Should you have any additional questions or comments, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Sincerely,

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