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Dear LISVH Family Member:

As we come to the end of another week in our fight against the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), we would like to update you on our current situation at the Long Island State Veterans Home. Our resident population remains stable as we continue to have <u>no cases</u> of the virus among those who are receiving care. In addition, one of our staff members has come off quarantine, leaving six employees who are currently positive for the virus. All six remain at home to complete the required quarantine.

As part of our Outbreak Protocol, we will continue to actively test both our residents and staff. The Delta variant is now with us in Suffolk County and remains highly contagious. We vigilantly take all precautions including our visitation protocol. The latest details on visiting are as follows:

- Outdoor visits have resumed for the following units: 1A, 1D, 2A, 2B, 2C, 3B and 3D;
- Outdoor visits are expected to resume on August 17, 2021 for Units 1B and 3C;
- Outdoor visits are expected to resume on August 21, 2021 for Unit 2D; and
- Indoor visits for ALL UNITS are expected to resume on August 21, 2021.

Please continue to use SignUp Genius on the LISVH website to schedule you visit. It is important to note that outdoor visitation may be cancelled due to inclement weather. Furthermore, the current information is subject to change if we have any additional positive results from either residents or employees.

With the Delta variant upon us, we continue to monitor COVID-19 activity within Suffolk County. The current COVID-19 positivity rate is 3.3%. As of yesterday, 133 people were hospitalized for the virus at various hospitals within the county. Twenty-five of these patients required the Intensive Care Unit and 10 were on ventilators. Please note that a majority of these patients are unvaccinated. While these numbers are far below last years' activity, we urge you to be cautious as we begin the weekend. Please continue to practice the 3W's:

- Wear Your Mask
- Wash Your Hands
- Watch Your Distance

Actively practicing the 3W's is your best defense against catching the virus. Please know that we are always just a phone call away.

Sincerely,

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