## Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

The Long Island State Veterans Home remains in a good place. Once again, we have <u>no cases</u> of the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) among our resident population and our entire workforce. We remain vigilant against the potential for the COVID-19 Delta variant to appear and are continuously swab testing our unvaccinated employees as per New York State Department of Health regulations.

We will be vaccinating both new admissions and some additional employees later this week. Vaccine administration remains our top priority. We hope that if you have not taken the COVID-19 vaccine, you will reconsider. Hospitalizations for COVID-19 are up nationwide and 99% of those hospitalized are unvaccinated. It is also been established that the Delta variant is 60 times more contagious than the original strain of the virus. We want you to know the facts as you make the best and safest decision for yourselves as well.

This past weekend we achieved a census of 300. Most of you know that we are a 350-bed facility that usually operates at full capacity. We are seeing a lot of activity in our Admissions Office and are grateful to once again be meeting the needs of the veteran community. Also, we have initiated a "soft reopening" of our medical model Adult Day Health Care program, under the leadership of our ADHC Director, Jean Brand. We are glad to see our ADHC registrants returning to program. If you know a veteran who can benefit from Adult Day Health Care, please call us a 1-800-DAYCARE.

In closing, that you again for your full cooperation. Please know that we remain here for you - our families. Call us if we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

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