

# Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear Family Member,

We wanted to continue our communication to you on the status of Coronavirus (COVID-19). As of this writing, there are still no cases in our Home, however, the first cases in Suffolk County have been identified. As you know from various sources, the frail, elderly, as a group, are the most vulnerable to succumb from this outbreak. That being said, out of an abundance of precaution, we are taking a proactive approach to protect those we are so honored to care for every day.

Effective immediately, we are implementing the following guidelines and restrictions to prevent community associated infections and/or communicable disease transmission:

1. We are restricting all visits to the Home. Exceptions will be made for those residents in a Hospice/Palliative care situation. Families in this situation should contact their Nurse Manager or Social Worker.
2. We are temporarily suspending our residents from leaving the building for all social activities, as well as overnight leaves of absence and out on pass into the community. Scheduled medical appointments for our residents outside of the Home will be assessed by our Medical Services Team and decisions to go out on a case by case basis.
3. All volunteer participation will be suspended with the exception of those volunteers who serve as a feeding assistant. Feeding assistant volunteers will be screened upon arrival by the Charge Nurse of the unit to which they are assigned.
4. All programs involving outside groups, clubs and organizations have been suspended at this time. Entertainers will continue to perform as scheduled, and will also be health screened by the Therapeutic Recreation staff prior to performing.
5. Spiritual activities will be limited to residents, ADHC Registrants and staff. Members of the community who come to participate will be restricted until further notice. Please note that all religious services will continue to be broadcasted on our closed circuit televisions.
6. Our Garden Grill Café will be limited to residents, ADHC Registrants and LISVH employees at this time.

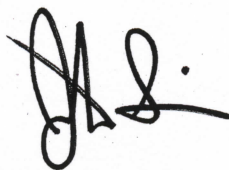
7. All food deliveries must arrange pick up at the main information desk. No food delivery personnel will be allowed on the nursing units.
8. All vendors will be restricted from nursing units. Deliveries will be restricted to our main building basement locations.

Please note that our Home is not under quarantine and residents have the ability to utilize all parts of the building (including outdoor areas) at this time. Again, our precautionary measures are in line with recommendations from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, the Centers for Disease Control and Veterans Administration. As always, we stand ready to answer any questions you may have and appreciate your support, patience and full cooperation during this unprecedented outbreak.

Sincerely,



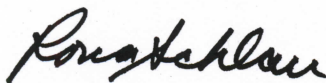
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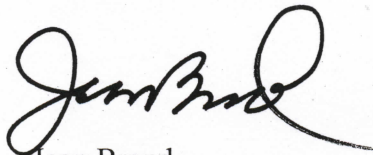
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