

Long Island State Veterans Home



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**RE: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Guidance QSO-20-29-NH –
Daily Notification to Family or Next of Kin of COVID-19 Cases in Nursing Home**

Dear LISVH Family Member:

The Long Island State Veterans Home is committed to providing our families, employees and the public with daily COVID-19 informational updates. The Home has been and will always remain open and transparent in reporting accurate COVID-19 information during this pandemic.

In response to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' Guidance QSO-20-29-NH issued on May 8, 2020, all nursing homes licensed by the Commissioner of Health shall notify all residents and family members and/or representatives of all residents if any resident or staff member tests positive for COVID-19 or if any resident suffers a COVID-19 related death, within 24 hours of such positive test result or death. In addition, notification will be made if a cluster of 3 or more residents and/or staff with new onset respiratory symptoms occurs.

In accordance with CMS Guidance QSO-20-29-NH, the Long Island State Veterans Home will post this information each afternoon on our website and on our in-house closed circuit TV broadcast system. The memo will include the number of new resident and employee COVID-19 positive tests, COVID-19 related expirations and any clusters of new on-set respiratory symptoms for the last 24 hour period. Family members and representatives will be notified through the Home's AMG message alert system via text message, phone call or email when the daily report has been posted to the website.

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Number of new Resident COVID-19 positive tests: 0

Number of new Resident COVID-19 related expirations: 0

Cluster of new on-set respiratory symptoms present: No (- COVID-19, + RSV 1 case, - Influenza A)

Number of new Employee/Volunteer COVID-19 positive tests: 0

The Long Island State Veterans Home is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for our residents, staff, and visitors. We follow rigorous infection control protocols and continuously monitor respiratory illness trends to help prevent the spread of infections and protect the well-being of everyone in our care.

We will continue to provide transparent and timely updates regarding respiratory illnesses at the Home. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us—we are always available to offer the most current information.

Best,

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