

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 COVID-19 informational updates through our letters posted on our website twice each week. 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.

Date: August 23, 2021

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

Number of new Employee COVID-19 positive tests: 1 *

*On June 10, 2021, NYS DOH released DAL NH-21-13 that modifies the Executive Order 202.88 Nursing Home Staff Testing Requirements. Effective 6/10/21, all fully vaccinated employees no longer require weekly routine COVID-19 testing. All employees that are not fully vaccinated must continue weekly COVID-19 testing requirements.

We will continue to fight this pandemic and always be forthright with information. Many of you have called us and we are happy to respond, always providing the latest information.

In closing, we hope you and your family remain safe in your homes.

Best,

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