

Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

As we begin this new month, we want to review the impact of the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Suffolk County. To date, our County has had 46,868 cases of the virus, representing about 10% of identified cases in New York State. Just yesterday, there were 93 new cases in the County yesterday. Current hot spots include Huntington Station, South Huntington, Dix Hills and Brentwood. We will continue to monitor the virus activity as it remains highly contagious and invisible.

Although COVID-19 is still highly prevalent in our area, we are pleased to report that we had a quiet week here at the Home, with no new cases of the virus identified. Our three residents with the virus remain asymptomatic and are here at the Home. They are properly cohorted and are scheduled to come off quarantine on October 10, 2020. Again, we continue to test residents according to federal and state guidelines. This additional testing allows us to track viral activity and stay ahead of this illness.

Our workforce of 675 full-time, part-time and per-diem employees continue to get swab tested once a week. LISVH employees remain vigilant and diligent with their testing. The current Executive Order from the Governor is set to expire on Sunday, October 4th. It is anticipated that this new mandate will be extended past the deadline and we expect to hear this announcement soon. We have had 148 employees test positive for the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). One is currently asymptomatic and quarantining at home, the other 147 are fully recovered and back at work.

As you know, our family visitation target date is Saturday, October 10, pending New York State Department of Health approval as well as barring any new positive cases of the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) among residents and staff. Due to the potential change in temperature, we are requesting that the Department of Health allows us to conduct visitation indoors within a large and well ventilated room. Here are a few reminders:

- Visiting is limited to two people for a 30-minute period
- Visitors will need to provide evidence of a negative COVID-19 RT-PCR test (NOT A RAPID or ANTIGEN TEST) administered within seven days of the visit. Call the NYSDOH hotline at 1-888-364-3065 or visit the DOH website to find a free testing site.

- Visits are done by appointment only. Your Social Worker will contact you to schedule your visit.
- Visitors must wear a face covering at all times and maintain social distancing throughout the visit.
- Visitors will have to check in with demographic data at our kiosk in the Main Lobby and then have a temperature check.
- One of the two visitors must be at least 18 years of age or older.

In closing, we want to share some good news. Earlier today, Newsweek ranked and published the Best Nursing Homes in New York. As you know, there are 613 nursing homes in the State. The Long Island State Veterans Home is ranked #15 out of 613 in this report. We are proud to be in the “Top 20” and have attached the link <https://www.newsweek.com/americas-best-nursing-homes-2021/new-york> for your review.

If we can be of any additional assistance, please don't hesitate to call us.

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