

Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

As we complete day 210 in our fight against the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), we want to take this opportunity to update you on our current situation here at the Home. We are very pleased to report that there has been no new cases of the virus among our residents or employees since September 25, 2020. As of this writing, we remain on target to begin limited face-to-face family visitation on Saturday, October 10, 2020. All visiting will be arranged by appointment only as we continue to comply with all federal and state guidelines related to COVID-19.

We are in the final phase of submitting our required NY Forward Safety Plan and visitation policy to the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH). We have been advised by NYSDOH that face-to-face visits remain an outdoor event, but with the cooler weather upon us, we are requesting that we be allowed to conduct our visits indoors within a large and well-ventilated room. When we receive further direction, we will share it with you. In the meantime, here are a few brief reminders about visiting:

- Visits are by appointment only. Your social worker will contact you to schedule your visit.
- Visiting is limited to two people for a 30-minute period.
- Visitors will need to provide evidence of a negative COVID-19 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 NYSDOH website to find a free testing site.
- Visitors must wear a face covering at all times and maintain social distancing throughout the visit.
- There can be no visitors under the age of 18 at this time. Please note that this is a change since our last letter regarding this situation,

Lastly, please know that the Governor has issued Executive Order 202.67, which extends mandatory once-a-week swab testing for all New York State nursing home workers for the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). The new Executive Order will continue this directive until November 3, 2020. Again, we are grateful to our team of caregivers and ancillary staff for their ongoing diligence in meeting this important requirement. As we continue to remain stable, we look forward to your return beginning this Saturday.

Sincerely,

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