

# Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

As the week comes to a close, we want to take this opportunity to bring you the latest information on our ongoing battle against the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). We remain committed to keeping you informed and up-to-date on all that impacts you and your loved one. We appreciate the time you take twice a week to read our updates.

As it relates to the status of the virus in the Home, we currently have one resident who tested positive on September 10, 2020 for the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). The resident and roommate remain asymptomatic and are both resting comfortably at the Home. The resident and the roommate have been properly cohorted as per federal and state guidelines. We continue to closely monitor them until the quarantine period of 14 days has ended.

Our workforce remains stable at this time. Since March 10, 2020, 146 of our 675 employees have tested positive for the virus. Currently, three employees are quarantining at home, while 143 employees are fully recovered and have returned to work. Our last employees who tested positive did so on September 7, 2020. We continue to emphasize safe practices (***wash your hands, wear your mask, watch your distance***) for our employees – both here at the Home and when they are off duty.

This past Tuesday, we reported that the New York State Department of Health revised the facility visitation guidelines for when a resident or employee tests positive in a nursing home. The timeframe requirement for the absence of any new COVID-19 positive cases in the nursing home has been reduced from 28 to 14 days. Your social worker will be contacting you regarding scheduled visitation with your loved one. That being said, here again are the newest start dates for your information:

**Operation Sunshine: Friday, September 25**  
**Limited Face-to-Face Visitation: Friday, September 25**

We have also been informed by the New York State Department of Health that all visitors will be required to show proof of a negative novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) test within seven days of

their visit. Securing a test is the responsibility of the visitor and documentation must be provided to us before your visit can begin. Also, we will be permitting visitors under the age of 18, if they are accompanied by an adult. Those under 18 need to show proof of a negative test as well. Please be aware that the New York State Department of Health provides no-cost drive through testing at the South P Commuter Parking Lot at Stony Brook University. Testing is by appointment only and very user friendly. They are open six days a week (Monday through Saturday). Please call 888-364-3065 to schedule your appointment. Please note that test results take anywhere from two to six days to get back. Our advice would be to get tested early and often. Again, there is no cost to you.

The virus continues to remain active and elusive, and even though we are six months into dealing with this illness, we are learning new information every week. One fact however, remains constant – our commitment to your loved one. As always, we are here to answer your questions. Please call us if we can be of assistance.

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