

Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

It has been another busy week in our ongoing fight against the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Here is the latest situation at the Long Island State Veterans Home. As of today, we have 30 residents who are currently positive for COVID-19. All 30 of these residents are here at the Home and remain properly quarantined and cohorted. We have 15 employees who are also positive for the virus, all staff members are reporting mild symptoms and all are properly quarantined in their own homes.

Our region remains active, although a downward trend on the numbers is in progress. As of yesterday, the COVID-19 positivity rate for Suffolk County was 23.2% and the seven-day rolling average is 26.1%. Currently, 1,009 individuals remain hospitalized with COVID-19 in Suffolk County. Of those hospitalized, 132 are in ICU's and 65 are on ventilators. We continue to ask you to practice the 3W's (***Wear a Mask, Wash Your Hands, Watch Your Distance***) as we battle against the third wave of the virus.

Earlier today, we had an onsite vaccine booster clinic for our staff. We had an additional 28 employees receive their Pfizer booster shot. Next Friday (January 21, 2022), we will conduct another onsite booster clinic and offer both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines.

This week, the New York State Department of Health issued guidance requiring all nursing home visitors to be tested for COVID-19 prior to visiting. All visitors are required to show a negative COVID-19 test result. A rapid antigen test taken within 24-hours of the visit or a PCR test taken within 48-hours will be accepted. If you be unable to obtain a COVID-19 test in the required timeframe, a limited number of iHealth COVID-19 rapid antigen home test kits will be available for visitor use. Please visit the attached link for directions on how to use the iHealth test - [How to use the iHealth COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test - YouTube](#).

If you have a COVID-19 test report within the required timeframe, please bring the result with you for authorization prior to your visit. If your test is an at-home test, please take a photo of the final result and be prepared to present the photo at the screening desk. If you are unable to obtain a test prior to visiting, please enter the facility and obtain a test kit from the screening desk. You will be required to return to your car and follow the directions to administer the test to yourself. After waiting the allotted time, you will be able to check the results. If the test is positive, please do not reenter the facility. You are instructed to return home and follow CDC guidance for when it is safe to return to visit. If your iHealth COVID-19 test is negative, please bring the test kit to the screening

desk for verification. We appreciate your patience as we strive to abide by ever-changing regulations and continue to work to keep our residents and staff safe.

Due to the presence of COVID-19, the facility has placed units on COVID-19 Exposure Precautions. Please refer to our website for the most up to date information related to your family member's unit. **Visitation on COVID Exposed Units is allowed but highly discouraged until the end of the quarantine (exposure) period.** Visits may still occur in resident rooms on the Exposed Units. Please note that only two visitors may be in the resident's room at any time. We caution all visitors that you are at an increased risk for exposure to COVID-19 when visiting at this time. Visitors will be provided with proper personal protective equipment and infection prevention education. Proper screening will be provided upon arrival. **If you are not feeling well, we highly discourage your visit.**

We want to alert you that our next Family Council Zoom call will be on Friday, January 21, 2022 at 11:00 AM. We hope that you can join us remotely for this event. Please know that we remain available at all times to answer your questions or concerns. Never hesitate to call and have a great weekend.

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