

Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

As we complete another week in the fight against the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), we want to update you on our latest situation at the Long Island State Veterans Home. As of today, we have a total of 21 residents who are confirmed positive for COVID-19. Twenty residents are here at the Home, all properly cohorted and quarantined and have been offered the Sotrovimab monoclonal antibody treatment. One of our residents is currently being treated at Stony Brook University Hospital. On the employee front, we currently have seven employees who are confirmed positive for COVID-19. All seven have no to mild symptoms and are properly quarantined in their own homes.

We continue to monitor COVID-19 activity in our community and here is what we currently know. Yesterday's positivity rate for COVID-19 in Suffolk County was 13.9% and the seven-day average is 16.3%. There are currently 901 individuals hospitalized for COVID-19 in various hospitals throughout Suffolk County. Of those hospitalized, 142 are in ICU's and 83 of these ICU patients are on ventilators. We make you aware of these numbers so that you still take proper precautions when in the community.

We continue to provide booster vaccines to both residents and staff who are due for the next dose. Earlier today we vaccinated six residents and 25 employees with their booster. Additional on-site vaccine clinics are being scheduled each week. While we recognize that being fully-vaccinated and boosted may not prevent you from getting COVID-19, you will have a far less chance of becoming seriously ill and hospitalized due to the virus. If you have been vaccinated and are due for a booster, we encourage you to get yours soon.

The visitor screening and COVID testing verification process is going well. We would like to thank all our family members and visitors for your compliance with the New York State Department of Health requirement for all visitors to be tested for COVID-19 prior to visiting the nursing home. We would like to remind families that 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 are 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. All visitors must be able to self-administer the test. Staff will be available to help facilitate and provide instructional assistance from 7 AM to 4 PM. After waiting the allotted time, you will be able to check the results. If the test is positive, please do not re-enter 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.

Earlier this morning, we held our monthly Family Council Zoom call. We were joined by approximately 50 family members and were able to provide the latest information to them. If you are planning ahead, our next Family Council Zoom meeting will be on Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 11:00 AM. We hope you will be able to join us. In the meantime, if we can be of assistance, just call us. Have a great weekend.

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