

# Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

With the weekend upon us, we want to take this opportunity to update you on our latest situation here at the Long Island State Veterans Home. Keeping our families informed remains our top priority. We currently have one resident positive for the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). This resident, as well as his roommate, are doing very well. Both are properly quarantined and cohorted as per the federal and state infection control guidance. We expect to have them off quarantine sometime next week. In addition, we currently have three fully vaccinated employees who are also positive for the virus. They all have mild to no symptoms and are properly quarantining in their own homes. Please know that a significant amount of additional outbreak testing was conducted throughout this week and we are pleased to report that the first round of tests were negative.

Currently, all indoor visitation is temporarily suspended until outbreak testing is completed. Indoor visitation is tentatively scheduled to resume on 11/1/2021. Outdoor visitation is temporarily suspended for Units 1D & 3C. Outdoor visitation is expected to resume on 10/30/2021 for Unit 1D and 11/1/2021 for 3C. Compassionate care visits will still be accommodated. We kindly ask that if a compassionate care visit is required, please reach out directly to your social worker.

Locally, yesterday's positivity rate for COVID-19 in Suffolk County was 2.4% and the seven-day rolling average was 2.9%. Currently, we have 177 patients admitted to various hospitals around Suffolk County for the COVID-19 virus. Thirty of these patients are in ICU's and 20 are on ventilators. Again, while the numbers continue to trend downward, we ask that you use proper precaution in the community. Also, with regular flu season upon us, we ask that if you are not feeling well, please refrain from visiting your loved one.

Next week, we are excited to celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a State Veterans Home. Since opening our doors in October 1991, we have served over 15,000 veterans and their families. We will be having an outdoor ceremony in our circle next Friday, October 29, 2021 at 11:00 AM to unveil a new bronze eagle statue to commemorate our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Family members are welcome to join us for this celebratory event. In closing, please know that we are always here for you – our families. Please feel free to reach out to us.

Sincerely,

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