

# Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

With another week completed in our fight against the novel Coronavirus, we want to update you on our current situation at the Long Island State Veterans Home. We are pleased to report that there are no cases of COVID-19 among our resident population at this time. In addition, we had no additional cases of employee testing positive for the virus this week. The two vaccinated staff members who tested positive last week remain asymptomatic and properly quarantined in their own homes. We expect both of them to return to work next week.

While things remain stable at the Home, Suffolk County is still seeing an uptick in COVID-19 cases. Yesterday's positivity rate for the region was 3.9%. As of today, 130 individuals remain hospitalized for COVID-19 at various hospitals throughout the county. Twenty-four of the 130 admissions are in ICUs and 16 are on ventilators. Most of those hospitalized for the virus are unvaccinated. We urge you to avoid visiting your loved one if you are not feeling well. The same goes for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. If you are not feeling well, please avoid contact with family and friends. We are projecting a further uptick in cases with Thanksgiving upon us. Please continue to practice the 3 W's: ***Wear a Mask, Wash Your Hands, Watch Your Distance.***

Recent updates to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and New York State Department of Health (NYS DOH) guidelines now allow for open visitation inside the facility, which may occur in the resident rooms. In-room visitation will be limited to two persons at a time, in order to adhere to core principles of COVID-19 infection prevention. Please be aware that new LISVH visitation guidelines have been established to reflect current CMS & NYS DOH visitation regulations. [These guidelines can be reviewed here, prior to your visit.](#) While not required, we continue to strongly encourage visitation to be pre-scheduled, as this will allow us to provide a private, designated visiting space for your convenience, and to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission. If you prefer to have a private designated space available for visiting with your loved ones, we will have individual rooms available on a first come, first serve basis. You may request one of these private rooms via our [signup genius link on our website](#). If you need assistance with booking a private visitation room, please contact our staff at 631-371-8000, Monday through Friday, 9am-2pm. We wish to thank you in advance for following our visitation guidelines in an effort to keep you and your loved one safe.

Earlier today, we had our latest Certified Nursing Assistant class graduation. We were pleased to celebrate this latest group of 10 CNA's and welcome them into our workforce. CNA's remain a key part of our caregiver team and are vital to resident care. We have also started a new CNA class earlier this week and look forward to their graduation early next year.

Just a quick reminder that our Family Council Zoom meeting will be on Monday, November 22, 2021 at 3:00 PM. The link to the Zoom meeting will be made available to family members through our AMG Alert system on Monday morning. We look forward to being with all of you on the call. Please know that you never need a Family Council meeting to have your questions or concerns answered. Call us at anytime, as we are here for you – our families. Have a great weekend.

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