

Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

With the Thanksgiving holiday fast approaching, we wanted to brief you on our current situation at the Long Island State Veterans Home. We are pleased to report that our resident population remains free of the COVID-19 virus. We do have one employee who is positive for the virus. This employee has no symptoms and is properly quarantined in their own home.

While things are stable at the Home, the Suffolk County numbers continue to rise. Yesterday's COVID-19 positivity rate was 5.2% and the seven-day average was 4.5%. There are currently 137 individuals admitted to various local hospitals for COVID-19. Twenty-two of the 137 are in intensive care units and 14 are on ventilators. Clearly, the virus is still with us and we ask you to be cautious while in the community. We all want to be together with family and friends on Thanksgiving; however, if you are not feeling well, please take a pass on indoor gatherings.

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 people at a time, in order to adhere to core principles of COVID-19 infection prevention. In the event that roommates have visitors arrive at the same time, the Home will attempt to provide an alternate visiting space if available. While we will attempt to accommodate all visitation requests, please understand that must adhere to all social distancing guidelines.

If you prefer to have a private designated space available for visiting with your loved one, 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](#). Please note, the private designated visitation space can accommodate up to 4 visitors. If you need assistance with booking a private visitation room, please contact our staff at 631-371-8000, Monday through Friday, 9am-2pm.

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](#). We wish to thank you in advance for following our visitation guidelines in an effort to keep you and your loved one safe.

Chef Jeff and his team have started preparations on the Thanksgiving meal for Thursday. Our Thanksgiving meal will include turkey, stuffing, candied yams, sautéed green beans, as well as cranberry sauce, followed with some pumpkin pie. For those residents who don't enjoy turkey,

alternatives are available including a wonderful shrimp seafood dish. We hope your loved one will enjoy their choices on Thursday and we hope that your holiday is safe as well.

Many of you joined us yesterday for our monthly Family Council Zoom meeting. We appreciate our time with you and hope you find the information we provide is useful. The Family Council has decided not to have a December meeting, so our next time together will be on Friday, January 21, 2022. Please remember that you never need a Family Council meeting to ask a question or share a comment. We are always here to respond to your inquiries.

There will be no letter on Friday but we will reach out again to you next Tuesday, November 30, 2021. Have a great Thanksgiving weekend.

Sincerely,

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