

# Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

As we begin another week in our fight against the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), we want to update you again on the latest situation at the Long Island State Veterans Home. We currently have only one resident with COVID-19. This resident has no symptoms and is resting comfortably. The resident and his roommate are properly cohorted and quarantined as well. In addition, we currently have three employees positive for the COVID-19 virus. All three were properly vaccinated and are quarantining in their homes. They all have mild to no symptoms at this time.

All indoor visitation is temporarily suspended until outbreak testing protocols are completed. Indoor visitation is tentatively scheduled to resume on 11/21/2021. Outdoor visitation is temporarily suspended for Units 1D and 2C. Outdoor visitation is expected to resume on 11/21/2021 for Unit 1D and 11/20/2021 for Unit 2C. Compassionate care visits will still be accommodated. Should you require a compassionate care visit, please reach out directly to your social worker.

With Thanksgiving fast approaching, those of you who want to bring your loved one home for the holiday should alert your social worker as soon as possible. We do believe that securing private ambulance transportation will be difficult this year. Also, transporting your family member in your own vehicle will require proper clearance from our Rehab Department. It is extremely important that car transfer training is scheduled well in advance of your departure date. Regretfully, due to strict infection control and prevention guidelines, we will be unable to accommodate our traditional Thanksgiving meals for our families at the Home this year. Nursing homes still have strict social distancing requirements that make it impossible to include you – our families. Again, communication is key and we ask that you alert us if you plan to bring your loved one home for the Thanksgiving holiday.

The COVID-19 positivity rate saw a post-Halloween bump up in Suffolk County. Yesterday's COVID-19 positivity rate was 3.24% and seven-day average is 2.76%. We continue to track cases in our region and hope that you take all proper precautions while in the community.

We will be celebrating Veterans Day on Thursday with a ceremony to be broadcasted from our Multipurpose Room. Attendance will be limited; however, we will broadcast the event on our in-house (Channel 67) television system. We will also post a link on our website for all our families to view as well. Our keynote speaker will be NYS Senator Mario Mattera, who is a great friend of the Home. In addition, Chef Jeff and his team are preparing a special Veterans Day meal, which will include chicken barley soup, beef tenderloin, roasted fingerling potatoes and paddy pan squash. Dessert will be a cheesecake with caramelized apples. Alternate items will be available as well.

In closing, thank you for your ongoing attention to our Tuesday and Friday family correspondence. We remain committed to providing you timely and accurate information as the pandemic continues to endure. If you need us, please call us. We remain here for you.

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