

Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

With the beginning of December upon us, we want to update you on our current situation at the Long Island State Veterans Home. We have **one resident** that is positive for the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). This resident has mild symptoms and is properly cohorted and quarantined. The resident's roommate is also properly quarantined at this time. In addition, we have **three employees** that remain positive with the virus. All three staff members have mild symptoms and are properly quarantined in their own homes. We continue to actively test residents and staff based upon outbreak testing protocols established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the NYS Department of Health.

Our post-Thanksgiving uptick continues in our region and here is the latest data. Yesterday's COVID-19 positivity rate was 6.2% and the seven-day rolling average is 6.0%. As of this morning, 157 individuals remain hospitalized for COVID-19 in Suffolk County. Thirty-one of these patients are in the ICU and 18 are on ventilators. Various forms of the virus, including the Omicron variant, remain very active in our region. We cannot stress to you the importance of taking proper precautions in the community at all times.

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. Occasionally, situations may occur where the visit must be limited to an in-room visit or moved to an alternative visiting location due to a resident's or roommate's medical condition. If these situations arise, the receptionist at the check in/screening desk will inform all visitors where the appropriate location of the visit will take place.

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.

Many families have inquired about our guidelines for holiday decorations for resident rooms. For the safety and well-being of our residents, the following guidelines apply:

- No live trees
- No decorations or trees over 2 feet long
- No extension cords are allowed
- Battery operated decorations are permitted

If you have any specific questions related to decorations, please call our Physical Plant Department at 631-444-8780.

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.

Sincerely,

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