

# Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

As we close another week in our fight against the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), we would like to communicate the latest situation here at the Home to you – our family and friends. We remain in a stable place at this time and want you all to have the facts.

Since February 25, 2021, we have had **no cases** of COVID-19 among our resident population. Taking nothing for granted, we continue to actively test all our residents. Our objective is to stay ahead of the virus, and ongoing testing helps us to achieve this important goal. On the employee front, 304 of our 675 employees have had the virus since March 10, 2020. Twenty-two employees are quarantining at home, while 282 have fully recovered and have returned to work. COVID-19 testing among employees remains robust as well, as we continue to have new cases every week. The good news is that those employees testing positive have either no symptoms or mild symptoms.

Earlier today, we secured 20 doses of Moderna vaccine from Suffolk County. All 20 doses were administered to new residents who required their first dose. Everything went well and we remain driven to make sure that every resident who wants the vaccine receives it. We are grateful to Suffolk County for assisting us with this important task. Since March 1, 2021, we have taken 17 new admissions. Each new admission is properly screened, tested for COVID-19 and quarantined upon arrival. Most of our newly admitted veterans have not had the vaccine, so we will remain vigilant in providing it for them.

Throughout this week, we received numerous telephone calls regarding the recent release of visitation guidance from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. We understand the excitement of these newly released recommendations; however, **they have yet to be adopted by the New York State Department of Health**. We want to share the latest comparison of the CMS visitation guidance with the New York State visitation guidance. Please click on [this link from LeadingAge New York](#), which is our trade association, to see the comparison table. LeadingAge New York advocates on behalf of our Home, as well as for those to whom we provide care. We are hoping that the New York State Department of Health will adopt the CMS guidelines and as we anxiously await for their guidance as well.

We thank you again for your ongoing patience and fortitude recognizing that we remain honored to care for your loved one. Please reach out if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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