

# Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

As we complete day 448 in our fight against the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), we want to maintain our commitment to sharing the latest information with you on our situation at the Long Island State Veterans Home. We are pleased to report that the latest Long Island COVID-19 positivity rate continues to fall. We are seeing a trend of low new infection rates that have not seen since last summer. With the community positivity rate continually improving, we remain cautiously optimistic. There are no cases of COVID-19 among our residents and staff at this time. We continue to follow all New York State Executive Orders, including the COVID testing our employees twice a week. We have come a long way from the start of the pandemic on March 10, 2020. Please know that we remain vigilant and that our priority continues to be keeping our residents and employees safe.

Vaccine education and advocacy remains constant here at the Home. Vaccine supply is strong and steady, anyone who wants a vaccine may obtain it. We continue to provide vaccine administration on a weekly basis for all residents and employees. Currently, 94% of our residents have taken the vaccine, as well as 66% of our employees. As you all know, we cannot mandate the vaccine, however, we are constantly educating both residents and staff to the importance of getting vaccinated.

We are happy to see so many families getting the opportunity to visit their loved ones. We want to thank you for utilizing [SignUpGenius](#) on our website to schedule your visit. Scheduled visitation remains a requirement. Due to space limitations, COVID-19 screening procedures, temperature checks, and social distancing guidelines, we are unable to accommodate any spontaneous (UNSCHEDULED) visits. Our staff must also be sure that visitors and residents properly wear a face covering throughout their visit. If you need assistance with the SignUpGenius app or have any visitation questions, please contact your social worker.

Please be aware of the following visitation guidelines:

- Proper face coverings must be worn at all times by visitors and residents during indoor and/or outdoor visits.
- Please do not bring any food or drink for consumption during your visit.
- Maintaining social distancing (6 feet please) is also required.
- Minors are also welcome if they are accompanied by an adult and follow protocol.

**We must remind you that the rules for nursing homes are different from the rules for the general community. Your adherence will help to prevent the COVID-19 from returning.**

We continue to appreciate your reading our LISVH family letter every Tuesday and Friday. Please know that we continue to be available to you – our families. Again, please feel free to reach out to us if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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