

# Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

With the month of June coming to a close, we want to take this opportunity to bring you the latest information from the Long Island State Veterans Home. We continue to be stable, with no cases of the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) among our resident population and entire workforce. Surveillance monitoring remains in place as we are constantly on the lookout for any form of COVID-19, especially the newly discovered delta variant.

Earlier today, we held another COVID-19 vaccine clinic for our newly admitted residents as well as for employees who now want the vaccine. We administered 18 doses today. After today's event, 94% of our residents and 69% of our employees received the COVID-19 vaccine. While these percentages change over time, we want you to have the latest information.

We want to give you a detailed update on the Essential Caregiver legislation. As you know, Governor Cuomo recently ended the public health emergency for New York State. When the public health emergency ended, unfortunately so did the requirement for personal caregiving visitation. So while the State of New York made changes, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) still has nursing home specific guidelines, which we are required to follow. This includes visitor screening, proper social distancing and proper mask wearing during your family visits.

What does this mean for you? We encourage you to continue to utilize SignUp Genius (on our website) for all your scheduled visits. We are currently accommodating two scheduled visits per week per resident. Should you have any special circumstances regarding visitation, we will try to accommodate you. You are encouraged to speak directly to your assigned social worker for assistance.

With a major heat advisory in effect, we are closely watching our residents who are going outside for some fresh air. We advise you also to take precaution while outside this week. Please stay fully hydrated and be sure to use sunscreen as well. Lastly, if we can be of further assistance, please reach out to us.

Sincerely,

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