

# Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

As we complete day 455 in our fight against the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), we want to take this opportunity to let you know our current situation at the Long Island State Veterans Home. Last week we reported that we had an employee who tested positive for COVID-19, which put us into “outbreak mode” as per federal and state regulations. This recent positive finding means that we had to retest all our residents for the virus. The good news is that as of this writing, all the resident test results have been negative. Also, employee testing for COVID-19 is ongoing, and we have not had any additional positive tests among our caregivers or ancillary staff.

We are pleased to report that effective immediately we have reopened for scheduled visiting on all units **except 1B and 3C. We anticipate returning to scheduled visiting for these two units on Thursday, June 17, 2021.** We will accommodate compassionate visit if necessary on 1B and 3C, but please reach out to your social worker to arrange if a visit is required. Again, we strictly follow New York State Department of Health guidelines and appreciate your understating of the process.

We wanted to let you know that in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have upgraded our HVAC (heating, ventilation and air conditioning) systems. We recently completed installation of ultra violet lighting into our six air handler units that service our Home. The UV lighting addition has been shown to reduce the amount of airborne viruses and bacteria and enhance overall air quality. We are pleased to share this recent upgrade with you and let you know that we continue to evaluate additional systems that would improve our environment. Resident safety and comfort remain our top priority.

We wanted to alert you that we are in recruitment mode here at the Home. We are having a Nursing Open House on Tuesday, June 29, 2021 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM as well as from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM. On-site interviews will be available for RN’s, LPN’s and Certified Nursing Assistants of all levels of experience – from new graduates to seasoned professionals. If you know a nursing professional that may be interested, please have them call our Human Resources Department at 631-444-8617. Help us to get the word out!

Have a question or concern? Do not hesitate to call us. We are here for you.

Sincerely,

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