

Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

As we complete day 497 in the battle against the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), we want to update you on our current situation at the Long Island State Veterans Home. We continue to remain in a stable place and have **no cases** of the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) among our resident population and entire workforce. We will continue our surveillance process in order to monitor any future virus activity.

The vaccine administration and education effort continues. Today, at our weekly vaccine clinic, we were able to offer 22 doses of COVID-19 vaccine to our residents and staff. At the present time, over 95% of our residents and over 72% of our staff have been vaccinated against the virus. We will continue to offer the vaccine to all new admissions as well as to employees who might have had vaccine hesitation and are now willing to take it.

We want you to be aware of the current COVID-19 situation within Suffolk County. Yesterday's positivity rate was 2.2%. According to Suffolk County Health Commissioner Dr. Gregson Piggot, the delta variant is mostly responsible for the uptick in infections in the state, representing around 20% of the cases statewide.

We are concerned, as the Delta variant is approximately 60 times more contagious than the original strain of the virus. Staying ahead of any future outbreak remains our top priority. We appreciate all of your help in this battle. We would ask that you to take a moment to review our current LISVH Visitation Guidelines – [Long Island State Veterans Home Visitation Guidelines 7-16-2021](#).

Please remember the following:

- All general visits must be scheduled in advance through [Signup Genius](#) and will be for one-hour time slots.
- All visitors will continue to be screened upon entrance. Visitors who have symptoms consistent with COVID-19 will not be granted entrance.
- All visitors under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult 18 years or older.
- **No more than two visitors per resident are allowed per scheduled visit.**
- Visitors must remain in the designated area for the duration of the visit.
- All visitors should physically distance from other residents and staff of the facility.
- Visitors must wear masks at all times unless the visitor & resident is vaccinated **AND** located in a private or designated visiting location with no other persons present.

We remain vigilant against the Delta variant and must have your ongoing cooperation to prevail.

Lastly, we want to remind you that we will be having another Family Council meeting by Zoom this Friday, July 23rd at 11:00 AM. We will send you the Zoom link prior to the meeting through our AMG Alert System. Our goal will be to continue to update you on our latest situation and answer any questions you may have.

All of us remain committed to serving our residents and families and we are just a phone call away. As always, we appreciate the time you provide to read our correspondence to you.

Sincerely,

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