

# Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

With the end of July fast approaching, we want to take this opportunity to update you on our situation at the Long Island State Veterans Home. In a word, we remain stable. We have no cases of the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) among our resident population and our entire workforce. Our vaccination rates are as follows: 95% of our residents and 75% of our employees are fully vaccinated. We will continue to make vaccines available to all newly admitted residents as well as employees who might have experienced vaccine hesitation and are now willing to take it.

We continue to monitor the data regarding the Delta variant. The seven-day average positivity rate is at 2.3%. Our ongoing goal is to keep the virus out of our Home. With virus numbers creeping up on Long Island, we want to once again thank you all for practicing safety measures while visiting the Home and beyond. Wearing masks, washing hands and social distancing remain good practice for all of us. Please continue to do your part.

Yesterday, the federal government announced that all Veterans Administration employees are being mandated to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. This federal mandate does not apply to our staff, because we are not part of the Veterans Administration. All 158 State Veterans Homes receive funding from the VA, but are owned and operated by their individual state. We do not foresee a vaccine requirement by New York State; however, we will alert you to any new information as it arrives.

Please know that we continue to be honored to care for your loved one and welcome any and all questions and comments from our families. We remain a phone call away.

Sincerely,

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