

Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

As we enter our 77th week in the fight against the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), we want to take this opportunity to update you on our situation at the Home. Our resident population remains stable at this time. The fully vaccinated resident who tested positive last week is recovering well. The resident, and his roommate who has no symptoms, continue to be properly cohorted and quarantined as per federal, state and local requirements. The first round of required outbreak testing for all residents and employees was completed. We had no residents or employee test positive for the virus during this testing cycle.

As per our employee status, we have 4 caregivers who are currently positive for the virus. They have mild to no symptoms and are properly quarantining at their homes. Since one of these employee became symptomatic over the weekend, we are required to start a new round of resident and employee testing according to the CDC's outbreak testing protocols. In addition, our visitation schedule needs to be adjusted.

We anticipate that regularly scheduled visits should proceed as follows:

August 26th for Units 1A/1B/1D/2D/3A; August 28th for Unit 3C & 3D; August 30th for Unit 2A & 2B; and September 2nd for Unit 3B. Indoor visitation for all units is expected to resume on September 2nd. These visitation dates are subject to change should we identify any new cases. Once again, we are grateful to our families for their incredible patience as we continue to endure the disruptions caused by new outbreaks.

Vaccination of all residents and all staff remains our top priority. Currently, 95.6% of our residents and over 79% of our employees are vaccinated. Since yesterday's announcement of the FDA's full approval of the Pfizer vaccine, we have had over a dozen employees sign up for a vaccine this week. We are highly encouraged by this response. Staff are also being reminded that all hospital and nursing home workers in New York State must receive at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine by September 27, 2021. Ongoing education about the vaccine is provided, and we continue to get a steady stream of hesitant employees who are now asking for the vaccine.

Please know that we remain here for you and feel free to reach out if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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