

# Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

As we begin the month of August, we would like to alert you to some new COVID-19 activity. After the release of our July 30 letter to you, we received notification that one of our non-vaccinated staff members tested positive for the virus. Since all non-vaccinated staff are being regularly tested, this initiated our Outbreak Testing Protocol. **All 303 of our residents were immediately tested for the virus and we are pleased to reveal that all tested negative.** We then proceeded to test all employees, including those who were fully vaccinated. We did identify one additional caregiver who tested positive for the virus. Please note that this employee was fully vaccinated; therefore, this would be considered a breakthrough case. All other employees tested negative. Continuing with our Outbreak Testing Protocol, all residents and all employees will be tested once again later this week. We continue to monitor everyone at the Home.

In accordance with federal, state and local regulation, we have had to suspend visiting at this time. We recognize that we had over 500 scheduled visits this week, but Outbreak Protocol takes precedence. As of today, we believe that we can reopen visiting on Tuesday, August 17, 2021. We are cautious with this projection, as the date could change if we have additional positive cases among residents or staff. We will continue to allow essential compassionate visits (especially for end of life); however, we ask that you speak directly to your Social Worker to address any questions you may have.

The Delta variant is here and we are doing our best to limit its impact on our Home. Currently Nursing Units 1D, 1B and 2D are on quarantine precautions. Residents on these units are restricted. Residents on all other units are unrestricted but must comply with mask and social distancing requirements. Visits via Skype and FaceTime will resume. Please contact our Therapeutic Recreation staff at 631-444-8523 to arrange such a visit. Keeping our families engaged is always a priority for us.

Our resident population has been COVID-19 free since April 22, 2021. The current Suffolk County positivity rate is 4.5%. This is an increase from last week. If you are vaccinated, we say thank you again. If you are unvaccinated, we urge you to speak with your physician and consider taking the vaccine. We regret any inconvenience to you or your loved one as we continue to deal with this public health event. As always, we are here for you; please do not hesitate to reach out if we can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

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