

Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

As another week in the fight against the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) comes to an end, we want to update you on our situation at the Long Island State Veterans Home. We completed a second round of COVID-19 testing on all our residents and we are very pleased to report that all results came back negative. Testing of all our employees continues (both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals) and we currently have four employees who are positive for the virus. These four staff members are currently quarantining at home. If we have additional employees that test positive, we will be certain to share the information with you.

Here are the latest details on visiting:

- Outdoor visits are expected to resume on August 9, 2021 for the following units: 1A, 2A, 2B, 2C, 3A, 3B and 3D;
- Outdoor visits are expected to resume on August 12, 2021 for Unit 1D;
- Outdoor visits are expected to resume on August 17, 2021 for Units 1B and 3C;
- Outdoor visits are expected to resume on August 19, 2021 for Unit 2D, and
- Indoor visits for ALL UNITS are expected to resume on August 19, 2021.

Please continue to use SignUp Genius on the LISVH website to schedule your visit. It is important to note that outdoor visitation maybe cancelled due to inclement weather. Furthermore, the current information is subject to change if we have any additional positive results from either residents or employees.

We continue to provide vaccines to all new admissions and to those employees who have been vaccine hesitant. We will be distributing additional first doses next week. Currently, 95% of residents and 76.6% of employees are fully vaccinated. As you may have heard in the news, all patient and resident-facing New York State employees will be required to get the COVID-19 vaccine by Labor Day, September 6, 2021. We are awaiting further guidance from Albany on the exclusion criteria for religious or medical waivers. We will certainly share any additional information as it is received.

As we discussed on Tuesday, the Delta variant has been identified in Suffolk County. Today's Suffolk County COVID-19 positivity rate is 3.3%, and 82 Suffolk County residents are currently hospitalized, including 14 in ICU's and three on ventilators. Your best protection remains getting vaccinated and there is plenty of vaccine available. If you are currently unvaccinated, we urge you to discuss your situation with your physician. Please know that we remain here for you and feel free to reach out if we can be of further assistance. Have a nice weekend.

Sincerely,

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