

Long Island State Veterans Home



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Dear LISVH Family Member:

With the weekend upon us, we want to take this opportunity to update you on our current situation at the Home. **We are pleased to report that we remain in a stable situation and do not have any cases of COVID-19 among our residents at this time.** We currently do have four employees who are positive for the COVID-19 virus. All of them have no to mild symptoms and are quarantining in their homes, as required by federal, state and local guidelines.

The Delta variant remains vibrant in Suffolk County. Today's COVID-19 positivity rate is 4.2%, with the 7-day rolling average at 4.3%. Today, there are 245 individuals hospitalized for COVID-19 in various hospitals in our county. Of those hospitalized, 44 are in ICU's and 24 are on ventilators. Again, the majority of COVID-19 patients are unvaccinated. If you still have not taken the vaccine, we encourage you to reconsider and get protected. We will be holding additional vaccine clinics for our remaining unvaccinated staff next week.

Early next week all those family members who are health care proxies will be receiving a consent for annual flu vaccine for your loved one. With flu season upon us, we strongly urge you to sign the email consent. To make it easy for you, we are utilizing DocuSign to obtain authorization. If you have limited access to email, please reach out to your assigned social worker to coordinate the consent.

With regard to visitation at the Long Island State Veterans Home, scheduled indoor and outdoor visitation is currently available for all units. We ask that you please continue to use SignUp Genius on our website to schedule your visit with your loved one. As per the request of many family members, we have modified the scheduling system to allow more than two visits to be scheduled per week by any one registered person. We remind all scheduled visitors to check our website as well as your email for the latest information on unit visitation status before you come. With the Delta variant of the virus present in our community, our situation can change quickly. We appreciate your patience in this process.

Earlier today, we had a Zoom Family Council meeting. Thank you to all the family members who were at the meeting. We appreciate your questions and your feedback. Our next Family Council Zoom meeting will be on Friday, October 22, 2021 at 11:00 AM. Please save the date. Also, know that we all remain a phone call away; never hesitate to reach out. Have a great weekend.

Sincerely,

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