

March 7, 2020 GEC Announcement

The Office of Geriatrics and Extended Care (GEC) held conversations March 5, 2020 with the two national contracted vendors Long Term Care Institute and Ascellon Corporation to discuss the domestic travel implications with the current COVID-19 virus and CDC recommendations. Options were discussed if it could be safe to the vendors, VA staff, Veterans and the general public to continue surveys in the VA Community Living Centers (CLC) and the State Veterans Homes (SVH).

GEC is recommending pausing all external review surveys in both the VA CLC and the SVH program for 30 days. This would postpone surveys from March 9, 2020 until April 6, 2020. The postponement dates would be re-evaluated prior to April 6, 2020 to evaluate the outbreak situation and determine if this pause will need to be extended.

3. Although surveys are essential for continued oversight and monitoring, a temporary pause is felt to be in the best interest of Veterans, staff and contract staff to help mitigate potential spread to our most vulnerable population.
4. Both national vendors will be notified of the decision.
5. Please contact Ms. Lisa Minor, Director, Facility Based Programs, Office of Geriatrics and Extended Care at (202) 632-8320 or via e-mail at Lisa.Minor3@va.gov with any questions.