

CHAPTER 214

AN ACT concerning reports on the status of the veterans' homes in this State during a public health emergency and through December 31, 2021, and supplementing Title 38A of the New Jersey Statutes.

BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:

C.38A:3-2b7 Weekly report on status of State veterans' homes.

1. a. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, the Adjutant General of the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs shall transmit a weekly report on the status of the State veterans' homes to the Commissioner of the Department of Health whenever a Public Health Emergency, pursuant to the "Emergency Health Powers Act," P.L.2005, c.222 (C.26:13-1 et seq.), has been declared by the Governor and is in effect. The weekly report shall include:

- (1) the number of residents and staff in each veterans' home, including comparisons to previous reports;
- (2) any significant health risks posed to the residents and staff in each veterans' home due to the public health emergency;
- (3) any changes in operating procedures in each veterans' home due to the public health emergency; and
- (4) the amount of personal protective equipment available to residents and staff at each veterans' home.

b. As used in this section:

- (1) "veterans' home" means the New Jersey Veterans' Memorial Home - Menlo Park, the New Jersey Veterans' Memorial Home - Vineland, and the New Jersey Veterans' Memorial Home - Paramus.
- (2) "personal protective equipment" means any items commonly used to protect an individual from bacterial or viral infections, including, but not limited to, disinfecting wipes, disposable gloves, disposable gowns, face shields, N95 face masks, surgical masks, or parts thereof.

2. The Adjutant General of the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs shall also transmit the weekly report on the status of the State veterans' homes to the Commissioner of the Department of Health required under section 1 of this act, P.L.2021, c.214 (C.38A:3-2b7), during the period beginning on the seventh day following the effective date of this act and ending on December 31, 2021.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved September 16, 2021.