

Resources for Veterans During COVID-19

AgeGuide's **Veterans Independence Program (VIP)** is a Veteran's directed home and community-based service program that serves eligible veterans of any age who are at risk of nursing home placement and their family caregivers. VIP allows Veterans to receive home and community-based services that enable them to avoid going into a nursing home and continue to live in their homes for as long as possible. Currently, AgeGuide has 65 veterans enrolled in area counties. These veterans were already in the high-risk category amid COVID-19. Options Counselors transitioned from in home visits to providing support via phone as well as providing resources for personal protective equipment such as face masks for veterans and caregivers. Referrals were paused for approximately 6 weeks and resumed May 1st. Assessments and enrollments are being conducted by phone and email to enroll veterans for in home care.

To learn more about the Veterans Independence Program, [click here](#).

For Information about Eligibility and Enrollment, contact Desiree Cox at (224) 610-3665

For General Program Information contact Joy Sobczak at (630) 293-5990

Other Resources for Veterans

Information about Hines VA & Lovell VA Hospitals: Updates, procedures, what buildings are open or closed on the campuses.

[Hines VA Hospital](#)

[Lovell VA Hospital](#)

Apps to assist Veterans and/or Caregivers

- VA Video Connect
- PTSD Coach
- Mindfulness Coach
- VA Veteran Launchpad
- VA Health: RxRefill
- COVID Coach

[Veterans Affairs: Mental Health Resources](#)

[Lessons from Military Caregivers Amid Coronavirus](#)

[Elizabeth Dole Foundation: Accessing VA Telehealth Services during COVID-19](#)

[Veteran's Affairs COVID-19 Response](#)

[Coronavirus Veteran Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[AARP: Resources to Aid Veterans, Military, and their Families Amid COVID-19](#)

To support our community while we shelter in place, AgeGuide will be sharing new

resources each week to help older adults and their loved ones stay informed, healthy and connected. AgeGuide has also compiled resources to support older adult and families during COVID-19 on its website which will be updated regularly. To see our resource page, [click here](#).

AgeGuide Northeastern Illinois was established in 1974. Services funded or coordinated by AgeGuide meet the diverse needs of the most rapidly growing population in Illinois. Over 700,000 seniors age 60 and over live in the agency's eight-county service area:

DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, and Will Counties

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