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The Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) Healthcare Center currently has no COVID-19 positive Veteran Patients. The DVA Residential Program currently has six Veteran Residents who are COVID-19 positive and are being cared for in our Isolation Unit at our Rocky Hill Campus. One Veteran who recovered from COVID-19 was released from isolation today. One other Veteran Resident remains in isolation as they presented with COVID-19 symptoms and, while their initial COVID test was negative, CDC guidelines require additional isolation time.

This week seven Veteran Residents were released from the DVA Isolation Unit. Four of these Veterans were released after recovering from COVID-19 and three, who were in isolation due to contact with a COVID-19 positive Veteran, were released after testing negative for COVID-19, and completing an isolation period consistent with CDC guidelines. Three Veteran Residents are currently being treated for COVID-19 related complications in community based hospitals and two Veteran Residents, who recovered from COVID-19 in a community hospital, are now in physical therapy/rehabilitation programs.

This week the DVA welcomed a Licensed Nurse Practitioner (LPN) to our Residential Program Clinical team who, along with our new CNA, is providing critical support to the Residential Program including our COVID-19 Isolation Unit. The DVA continues to seek additional temporary staffing support.

To date, no DVA staff members have tested positive for COVID-19. DVA Staff continue to follow the DVA Enhanced Safety and Health COVID-19 Protocols which are reviewed daily and adjusted based on CDC and Public Health updated directives, guidance and best practices.

The COVID-19 Health and Safety protocols are available, along with other important information, at: <https://portal.ct.gov/DVA/Pages/DVA-COVID-19-Updates>.