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**COVID-19 Agency**  
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The Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) Healthcare Center currently has no COVID-19 positive Veteran Patients. There have been no new COVID-19 cases in the DVA Residential Program during the previous four days. There are currently five Veteran Residents who are COVID-19 positive and being cared for in our Isolation Unit at our Rocky Hill Campus. This morning one Veteran was transferred from the Isolation Unit to a community hospital and is in stable condition. One Veteran Resident remains in the Isolation Unit and has presented with COVID-19 symptoms and, while their COVID-19 test was negative, CDC guidelines require additional isolation time. Another Veteran Resident is in the Isolation Unit after returning from a community hospital and we are awaiting his COVID-19 test results.

Two Veteran Residents recently hospitalized with suspected COVID-19 symptoms tested negative today and remain hospitalized in stable condition. 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, remain in physical therapy/rehabilitation programs.

The DVA continues rigorous daily screenings of all Veterans and Staff for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 including temperature checks. 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>.