



COVID-19 Agency
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The Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) Healthcare Center currently has four COVID-19 positive Veteran Patients who are being cared for in our HCC Isolation Unit. The DVA tested every Veteran Patient residing in the same HCC wing as the first COVID-19 HCC patient. Of the nineteen Veteran Patients in that wing four tested positive for COVID-19 and fifteen tested negative. The DVA Residential Program had one Veteran Resident test positive for the virus two days ago, this is the only positive test in the Residential Program during the previous thirteen days. There are currently two Veteran Residents in our Residential Facility Isolation Unit who are COVID-19 positive and one Veteran who presented as symptomatic during a daily screening and, while he tested negative for the virus, he is being monitored in the Isolation Unit out of an abundance of caution. Today a Veteran Resident was transferred from the Isolation Unit to a community based hospital for COVID-19 related complications. Four Veteran Residents, who recovered from COVID-19, are in physical therapy/rehabilitation programs.

To date, the DVA has tested seventy-four Veteran Residents and Patients for COVID-19 with twenty testing positive for the virus of which, eleven have recovered and seven are currently in the HCC and Residential Isolation Units on our Campus. One Veteran remains in a community based hospital and one Veteran Resident passed away last week while in a community based hospital.

In addition to the DVA's rigorous COVID-19 signs and symptoms screening process, we have expanded capacity to conduct increased testing of both Veteran Residents and Patients and have provided information to DVA Managers of the availability of COVID-19 testing for front-line staff. More information can be found at:

<http://www.mutualaidplan.org/Common/Document.aspx?DDID=17211&klv=1&key=t%2byVpXqKuRFrjtsFr00Qtj0bl0M%3d>

The DVA continues to follow the DVA Enhanced Safety and Health COVID-19 Protocols which are reviewed daily and adjusted based on CDC and Public Health directives, guidance and best practices. The DVA COVID-19 Health and Safety protocols, which were updated today, are available, along with other important information, at: <https://portal.ct.gov/DVA/Pages/DVA-COVID-19-Updates>