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**COVID-19 Agency Update**  
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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 48 hours. There are currently six Veteran Residents who are COVID-19 positive and are being cared for in our Isolation Unit at our Rocky Hill Campus. One other Veteran Resident remains in the Isolation Unit as they presented with COVID-19 symptoms and, while their COVID-19 test was negative, CDC guidelines require additional isolation time. 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 in physical therapy/rehabilitation programs.

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>. Should you have any questions please contact Tammy Marzik at: [tammy.marzik@ct.gov](mailto:tammy.marzik@ct.gov) or 860-616-3603.

As the Nation and our State begin planning for the gradual reopening of the economy, we must remain vigilant as this health emergency is not over. Continue to follow CDC and Public Health guidelines on social distancing, hygiene and monitor your health and that of family and loved ones.

Be vigilant now and we will get through this together.

Truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas J. Saadi".

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