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The Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) Residential Program currently has six Veteran Residents who are COVID-19 positive and are being cared for in our Isolation Units at our Rocky Hill Campus. Four other Veteran Residents are in various categories of isolation because they either presented with COVID-19 symptoms or were identified through contact tracing to have had contact with a COVID-19 positive Veteran. All of these Veterans recently tested negative for COVID-19 and will be released from isolation after an additional waiting period. Two DVA Veterans are currently in community based hospitals being treated for COVID-19. DVA is following all COVID-19 reporting requirements.

While all off campus general travel by Veteran Residents remains suspended, yesterday the DVA safely operated a series of van trips for 24 Veterans to shop for personal essential items and access ATM services. The success of these trips was due in large part to the team effort by DVA Staff, the Residential Veterans Council Leadership and the cooperation of our Veteran Residents who followed social distancing and CDC hygienic guidance and wore DVA provided PPE. The only other permitted travel is for humanitarian, medical or essential work reasons consistent with the Governor's Executive Orders.

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 complete DVA COVID-19 protocols and other important information is available at: <https://portal.ct.gov/DVA/Pages/DVA-COVID-19-Updates>.