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**COVID-19 Agency**  
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The Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) Residential Program currently has five Veteran Residents who are COVID-19 positive and are being cared for in our Isolation Units at our Rocky Hill Campus. Six 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. Five of these Veterans recently tested negative for COVID-19 and will be released from isolation after an additional waiting period. We are awaiting COVID-19 test results for one Veteran. One DVA Veteran is currently in a community based hospital being treated for COVID-19. DVA is following all COVID-19 reporting requirements.

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. While all off campus general travel by Veteran Residents remains suspended, the DVA is operating periodic van trips for Veterans to shop for personal essential items and access an ATM if needed. These trips consist of a driver, two Veterans and a monitor with social distancing and PPE required as well as enforcement of CDC hygienic guidance. The only other permitted travel is for humanitarian, medical or essential work reasons consistent with the Governor's Executive Orders.

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