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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. Of these six Veterans two tested COVID-19 positive today. 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. These four Veterans recently tested negative for COVID-19 and will be released from isolation later this week consistent with CDC guidelines. Three DVA Veterans are currently in community based hospitals being treated for COVID-19 related complications. One Veteran was released from the Isolation Unit today after recovering from COVID-19.

With the support of the Federal VA Healthcare System of Connecticut, today the DVA was able to obtain same day COVID-19 test results improving our ability to care for those with COVID-19 while protecting the safety and health of other Veterans and DVA Staff.

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. DVA is following all Department of Public Health COVID-19 reporting requirements.

DVA Commissioner Thomas Saadi issued updated COVID-19 Health and Safety protocols today which are available, along with other important information at: <https://portal.ct.gov/DVA/Pages/DVA-COVID-19-Updates>.