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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. 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 remain in community based hospitals being treated for COVID-19 related complications.

This week the DVA welcomed two medics from the Connecticut National Guard to support increased COVID-19 screening and monitoring procedures in our Residential Facility. Our thanks to CT National Guard Adjutant, General Fran Evon, for this support of our Veterans. Today Commissioner Saadi signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Federal VA Healthcare System in CT to move forward with telehealth services for Veterans at the Rocky Hill Campus.

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