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The Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) Residential Program currently has eight Veteran Residents who are COVID-19 positive and are being cared for in our Isolation Units at our Rocky Hill Campus. This number includes one additional COVID-19 positive case in the past 24 hours and a Veteran who returned to the DVA from a community based hospital. Five other Veteran Residents remain 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. Four of the five Veterans recently tested negative for COVID-19 and are scheduled to be released from isolation later this week consistent with CDC guidelines. The remaining Veteran's test results are pending. Two DVA Veteran Residents remain in community based hospitals being treated for COVID-19 related complications. To date no DVA staff members have tested positive for COVID-19.

This week the DVA welcomed a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) to support the Residential Program and we continue to seek additional temporary staffing support.

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>.