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Today's update is both a daily status report and comprehensive review to date of the COVID-19 status of Veterans at the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) Campus in Rocky Hill.

The DVA Healthcare Center currently has no COVID-19 Veteran Patients. The 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. Six 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. Three of the six Veterans recently tested negative for COVID-19 and are scheduled to be released from isolation later this week consistent with CDC guidelines. The remaining Veterans' test results are pending. One DVA Veteran Resident is in a community based hospital being treated for COVID-19 related complications and a second Veteran has recovered from COVID-19 and is at a community based rehabilitation facility. To date no DVA staff members have tested positive for COVID-19.

A total of twenty-nine Veteran Residents and nine Veteran Healthcare Patients at our Rocky Hill Campus have been tested for COVID-19 with eleven Veteran Residents testing positive and no Veteran Healthcare Patients testing positive. Three Veteran Resident test results are pending. Of the positive Veteran Residents one has fully recovered and was released from the isolation unit, another recovered and is in community based physical therapy, a third is being treated for COVID-19 complications in a community based hospital the remaining eight COVID-19 positive Veterans are in the DVA isolation unit in various stages of recovery.

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