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**COVID-19 Agency**  
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The Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) Healthcare Center currently has no COVID-19 positive Veteran Patients. The DVA Residential Program currently has seven Veteran Residents who are COVID-19 positive and are being cared for in our Isolation Units at our Rocky Hill Campus. One other Veteran Resident remains in isolation because he presented with COVID-19 symptoms and while his initial COVID test was negative CDC guidelines require additional isolation time.

Today six Veteran Residents were released from the DVA Isolation Unit. Three of these Veterans were released after recovering from COVID-19 and three, who were in isolation due to contact with a COVID-19 positive Veteran, were released after testing negative for COVID-19, and completing an isolation period consistent with CDC guidelines. Three Veteran Residents are currently being treated for COVID-19 complications in community based hospitals and a fourth Veteran Resident recently recovered from COVID-19 in a community hospital and is now in physical therapy/rehabilitation program.

To date, no DVA staff members have tested positive for COVID-19. 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>.