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**COVID-19 Agency**  
**Update April 20, 2020**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) Healthcare Center currently has no COVID-19 positive Veteran Patients. There have been no new COVID-19 cases in the DVA Residential Program during the previous three days. There are currently six Veteran Residents who are COVID-19 positive and are being cared for in our Isolation Unit at our Rocky Hill Campus. One Veteran Resident remains in the Isolation Unit as they presented with COVID-19 symptoms and, while their COVID-19 test was negative, CDC guidelines require additional isolation time. Another Veteran Resident is in the Isolation Unit after returning from a community hospital and will be tested for COVID-19 tomorrow. Three Veteran Residents are currently being treated for COVID-19 related complications in community based hospitals and two Veteran Residents, who recovered from COVID-19 in a community hospital, are in physical therapy/rehabilitation programs.

The DVA continues rigorous daily screenings for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 including temperature checks of Veterans and Staff completing more than 4,000 screenings for over the past 30 days. 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.

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

Today all CT Residents are required to wear masks when social distancing is not possible, for helpful information/guidance see the CDC Guidance on How to Make and Wear a Cloth Mask at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>