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This morning the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA), received the sad news that one of our Veteran Residents, being treated at Hartford Hospital for COVID-19 related complications since April 10, 2020, passed away. This is a great loss and the staff of the DVA mourn his passing with his family and with his brother and sister Veterans. The DVA will conduct a social distancing complaint memorial service for this Veteran on Saturday, attendance is limited to DVA Veteran Residents and Staff.

To date the DVA Healthcare Center has had no COVID-19 positive Veteran Patients and there have been no new COVID-19 cases in the DVA Residential Program for the previous six days. There are currently three Veteran Residents who are COVID-19 positive being cared for in our Isolation Unit at our Rocky Hill Campus. Today two Veteran Residents were released from the Isolation Unit after recovering from COVID-19 and testing negative for the virus. 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, remain in physical therapy/rehabilitation programs.

To date, no DVA staff members have tested positive for COVID-19. The DVA continues rigorous daily screenings of all Veterans and Staff for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 including temperature checks. 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>. Should you have any questions please contact Tammy Marzik at: tammy.marzik@ct.gov or 860-616-3603.