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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 nine days. There are currently two Veteran Residents who tested COVID-19 positive and are being cared for in our Isolation Unit at our Rocky Hill Campus. Two Veteran Residents remain in treatment for COVID-19 related complications in a community based hospital and three Veteran Residents, who recovered from COVID-19, are in physical therapy/rehabilitation programs.

To date one DVA staff member has tested positive for COVID-19, however this individual had not been at the DVA Campus for at least a week prior to showing signs or symptoms of the virus. As such, we are confident that the individual contracted the virus in the community after leaving work thus, the risk of exposure of DVA Veterans and staff to the virus by this individual is minimal.

We will continue 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>.