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Today the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) Healthcare Center (HCC) had a Veteran Patient test positive for COVID-19. This patient presented with symptoms of the virus during a routine daily screening, was tested, and then relocated to the HCC Isolation Unit. We are conducting contact tracing and testing of all patients in the HCC wing where this Veteran was previously located.

The DVA Residential Facility had its first new COVID-19 positive case in ten days. This Veteran Resident was moved to the Residential Isolation Unit where two Veteran Residents, who previously tested COVID-19 positive are being cared for. One of these Veterans was transferred back to the DVA after receiving acute care in a community based hospital. One Veteran Resident remains in treatment for COVID-19 related complications in a community based hospital and three Veteran Residents, who recovered from COVID-19, remain in physical therapy/rehabilitation programs.

While it is certainly concerning to have these new COVID-19 cases on our Campus, they were discovered early due to our increased testing regime and rigorous daily screenings of all Veterans and Staff for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 including temperature checks. The dedicated 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>.