



COVID-19 Agency Update
June 2, 2020

The Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) Healthcare Center (HCC) has no Veteran Patients in the HCC Isolation Unit and no additional Veteran Patients have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past twenty-eight days.

One Veteran Resident remains in the Residential Facility Isolation Unit after testing positive a second time for COVID-19 early last week and is scheduled for retesting this week. Two additional Veteran Residents are in the Isolation Unit for protective monitoring after returning from long-term community based care for non-COVID conditions. There are currently four Veteran Residents who recovered from COVID-19 in community based physical therapy/rehabilitation programs.

To date, the DVA has tested two hundred and sixteen Veteran Residents and Patients (many tested multiple times) for COVID-19 with twenty-four Veterans testing positive. Of the twenty-four Veteran Residents and Patients who tested positive to date, twenty have recovered from the virus and one Veteran who tested COVID-19 positive is currently in the Residential Isolation Unit on our Campus in recovery. One Veteran Resident and two Veteran Patients with serious pre-existing medical conditions have passed away from COVID-19. Four DVA staff members have tested positive for COVID-19, all of whom have recovered and returned to work consistent with CDC guidelines.

We continue weekly testing of wings in the DVA Residential Facility and are awaiting the results from test swabs taken over the past two days and will move any Veterans testing positive for the virus to the Isolation Unit.

The DVA encourages all eligible staff to take advantage of available COVID-19 offsite testing as we finalize a protocol with the Office of the State Comptroller for regularly scheduled onsite testing of staff. DVA also continues daily screenings of all staff and Veterans and adherence to the DVA Enhanced Safety and Health COVID-19 Protocols and modifications which are available, along with other important information, at: <https://portal.ct.gov/DVA/Pages/DVA-COVID-19-Updates>.