



**COVID-19 Agency Update**  
**June 3, 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-nine days.

One Veteran Resident in the Residential Facility Isolation Unit who tested negative for COVID-19 today is now in a protective monitoring status and is scheduled for retesting this week. Two additional Veteran Residents, also COVID-19 negative, are in the Isolation Unit for protective monitoring after returning from long-term community based care for non-COVID conditions. These three Veteran Residents are scheduled for release from the Isolation Unit pending subsequent negative test results. There are four Veteran Residents who recovered from COVID-19 in community based physical therapy/rehabilitation programs. DVA Residential staff is working with these community based facilities to reintegrate these Veterans to the DVA or to a higher level of clinical care, for non-COVID conditions, as may be needed.

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-one have recovered from the virus. One Veteran Resident and two Veteran Patients with serious pre-existing medical conditions have passed away due to COVID-19. Four DVA staff members have tested positive for COVID-19, all of whom have recovered and returned to work.

Today we received testing results for eighteen Veteran Residents tested earlier this week which were all negative for the virus. We will continue wing by wing testing in the Residential Facility as travel and other restrictions are lifted. This ongoing testing will allow for rapid reimplementation of COVID-19 mitigation measures as appropriate.

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