



COVID-19 Agency Update
May 12, 2020

The Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) Healthcare Center (HCC) currently has two Veteran Patients in the HCC COVID-19 Isolation Unit, both of whom are symptomatic for the virus with serious underlying pre-existing medical conditions. No additional Veteran Patients have presented with COVID-19 symptoms in the past eight days. One Veteran Patient transferred from the HCC Isolation Unit to an acute care community hospital due to COVID-19 complications on May 4th and is in serious but stable condition.

There are currently four Veteran Residents in the Residential Facility Isolation Unit which includes one Veteran Resident who recently recovered from the virus in a community hospital and is in the section of the Isolation Unit away from COVID-19 positive Veterans for 24 hours of observation and an additional COVID test before release. One Veteran Resident is being treated in a critical care unit at a community based hospital for COVID-19 related complications. Three Veteran Residents, who recovered from COVID-19, remain in physical therapy/rehabilitation programs with one expected to return to the Residential program soon. The DVA Residential Program conducted another broad testing of nine Veteran Residents today with all testing negative for the virus.

To date, the DVA has tested one-hundred and twenty-three individual Veteran Residents and Patients (many tested multiple times) for COVID-19 with twenty-three testing positive of which, thirteen have recovered and five COVID positive Veterans are currently in the HCC and Residential Isolation Units on our Campus. Two Veterans are in community based hospitals, one Veteran Resident passed away two weeks ago in a community based hospital and two Veteran Patients with COVID-19 and serious underlying medical conditions passed away last week. To date, four DVA staff members have tested positive for COVID-19 and are on leave until cleared to return consistent with CDC guidelines.

The DVA continues daily screening procedures for staff and Veterans and adherence to the DVA Enhanced Safety and Health COVID-19 Protocols which are available, along with other important information, at: <https://portal.ct.gov/DVA/Pages/DVA-COVID-19-Updates>.