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The Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) Healthcare Center (HCC) currently has three COVID-19 positive Veteran Patients in the HCC Isolation Unit, each of whom are symptomatic for the virus with serious underlying pre-existing medical conditions. No Veteran Patients tested positive for COVID-19 in the past nine days.

There are currently three Veteran Residents in the Residential Facility Isolation Unit after one Veteran Resident, who recovered from the virus in a community hospital and was under observation was released from the Isolation Unit. 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 thirty-nine Veteran Residents and Patients (many tested multiple times) for COVID-19 with twenty-three testing positive of which, thirteen have recovered and six COVID-19 positive Veterans are currently in the HCC and Residential Isolation Units on our Campus. One Veteran remains in a community based hospital, one Veteran Resident and two Veteran Patients have passed away from COVID-19 and serious underlying medical conditions. 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 broad testing of Veteran Residents and Patients along with daily screening of all staff and Veterans in addition to 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>.