



**COVID-19 Agency Update**  
**May 30, 2020**

For the first time since March 27, 2020 the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) Healthcare Center (HCC) has no Veteran Patients in the HCC Isolation Unit after today's discharge of a Veteran Patient who received from the virus. One Veteran Patient who was recently in the Isolation Unit remains in a community based Hospital for Non-COVID related acute care treatment and may return to the HCC within the next several days. No additional Veteran Patients have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past twenty-five days.

One Veteran Resident remains in the Residential Facility Isolation Unit after testing positive a second time for COVID-19 earlier last 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 earlier this week. 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, nineteen have recovered and one Veteran who tested COVID-19 positive is currently in the Residential Isolation Unit on our Campus in recovery. One Veteran Patient remains in a community based Hospital. 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.

The DVA continues to modify our COVID-19 mitigation protocols consistent with the phased re-opening of CT including, the phased lifting of Veteran Resident travel restrictions, more flexible meal schedules, expanded recreational opportunities, and allowing campus to taxi/ride services and takeout food deliveries.

The DVA is actively facilitating the testing of staff, with the goal of broad based regularized testing of all staff and also conducts daily screenings of all staff and Veterans. We also adhere 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>.