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**COVID-19 Agency Update**  
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The Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) Healthcare Center (HCC) currently has four Veteran Patients who tested COVID-19 positive last week and are being cared for in our HCC Isolation Unit. Two of these Veterans remain COVID-19 asymptomatic and two are symptomatic with serious terminal pre-existing medical conditions. No additional Veteran Patients have presented with COVID-19 symptoms in the past six days.

The DVA Residential Program had one Veteran Resident test positive for the virus seven days ago which is the only positive test in the Residential Program during the previous eighteen days. Today, two Veteran Residents were released consistent with CDC guidelines from the Isolation Unit after testing negative for the virus. One Veteran Resident remains in our Residential Facility Isolation Unit and is COVID-19 positive. One Veteran Resident is being treated in a critical care unit at a community based hospital for COVID-19 related complications. Four Veteran Residents, who recovered from COVID-19, remain in physical therapy/rehabilitation programs.

To date, the DVA has tested eighty-five individual Veteran Residents and Patients (some tested multiple times) for COVID-19 with a total of twenty testing positive for the virus of which, eleven have recovered and seven are currently in the HCC and Residential Isolation Units on our Campus. One Veteran remains in a community based hospital and one Veteran Resident passed away two weeks ago in a community based hospital.

The DVA continues rigorous COVID-19 signs and symptoms screening processes in addition to following the DVA Enhanced Safety and Health COVID-19 Protocols which are reviewed and adjusted based on CDC and Public Health directives, guidance and best practices. The DVA COVID-19 Health and Safety protocols are available, along with other important information, at: <https://portal.ct.gov/DVA/Pages/DVA-COVID-19-Updates>.