



**COVID-19 Agency Update**  
**May 7, 2020**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) Healthcare Center (HCC) currently has three Veteran Patients in our HCC COVID-19 Isolation Unit. Two of these Veterans are asymptomatic for the virus and one Veteran is symptomatic with serious underlying pre-existing medical conditions. Two of these Veterans remain asymptomatic and two are symptomatic and have serious terminal pre-existing medical conditions. No additional Veteran Patients have presented with COVID-19 symptoms in the past four days. One Veteran Patient, who was transferred from the HCC Isolation Unit to an acute care community hospital due to COVID-19 complications on May 4<sup>th</sup>, remains in serious condition.

The DVA Residential Program conducted a mass testing today of twenty-one Veteran Residents for COVID-19 with one Veteran testing positive and the remaining testing negative. This is the first positive test in the previous nine days in the Residential Program. Two Veteran Residents in our Residential Facility Isolation Unit recently tested negative for the virus and should be released from the Isolation Unit soon. 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-four individual Veteran Residents and Patients (many tested multiple times) for COVID-19 with twenty-two testing positive of which, fourteen have recovered and five 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 one Veteran Patient passed away yesterday at our Healthcare Center. To date three 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 today conducted oxygen saturation baseline screening of all our Veterans Residents. The staff continues to follow 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>.