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DMHAS Releases Aggregate Data of Laboratory Confirmed Cases of COVID-19 in DMHAS Facilities

Hartford, CT – The Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) today released aggregate data of the reported number of laboratory confirmed cases of COVID-19 identified in patients within its state-operated inpatient facilities and staff employed throughout the DMHAS system.

| | Laboratory Confirmed Cases of COVID-19 | |
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| | Patients | Staff |
| Connecticut Valley Hospital | 9 | 5 |
| Whiting Forensic Hospital | 6 | 9 |
| Capitol Regional Mental Health Center | 0 | 1 |
| Connecticut Mental Health Center | 0 | 3 |
| River Valley Services | 0 | 0 |
| Southeast Mental Health Authority | 0 | 0 |
| Southwest Connecticut Mental Health System | 0 | 2 |
| Western Connecticut Mental Health Network | 0 | 1 |
| Total: | 15 | 21 |

DMHAS has taken significant steps to protect clients and staff from COVID-19 throughout the DMHAS system. These include:

- Identifying spaces in all state-operated facilities to be used for the isolation of patients with COVID-19;
- Distributing personal protective equipment (PPE) including n95 masks, surgical masks, gowns, gloves and hand sanitizer to all state-operated facilities;
- Developing quarantine and isolation protocols for patients and staff that have been reviewed and approved by the Department of Public Health;
- Adjusting outpatient services while promoting social distancing including telephone check-ins and closing wellness centers and social clubs;
- Restricting visitors from DMHAS facilities;
- Conducting health screenings of all individuals who enter DMHAS facilities, including staff and clients;

- Approving over 1,100 employees for telework to promote social distancing and minimize exposure to clients and staff at DMHAS facilities; and,
- Directing staff who are symptomatic or have been in close contact with individuals suspected of or having COVID-19 to stay home and self-quarantine to prevent infecting clients and other staff.

For more information, visit the DMHAS COVID-19 Response webpage at <https://portal.ct.gov/DMHAS-COVID-19>.

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