



COVID-19 Agency
Update April 28, 2020

Yesterday the Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) Healthcare Center (HCC) had a Veteran Patient test positive for COVID-19. In response, the DVA tested every Veteran Patient residing in the same HCC wing as the COVID-19 patient. Of the eighteen Veterans tested, three were positive for COVID-19, two tests are pending and thirteen Veteran Patients tested negative. The four COVID-19 positive Veteran Patients have been relocated to the HCC COVID-19 Isolation Unit where they will be closely monitored.

The DVA Residential Facility had no new COVID-19 positive cases today. There are currently three Veteran Residents who are COVID-19 positive and being cared for in our Residential Facility Isolation Unit. One Veteran Resident remains in treatment for COVID-19 related complications in a community based hospital and three Veteran Residents, who recovered from COVID-19, remain in physical therapy/rehabilitation programs.

To date, twenty Veteran Residents and Patients have tested positive for COVID-19 and of the twenty, eleven have recovered and seven are currently in Isolation Units on our Campus. One Veteran remains in a community based hospital and one Veteran passed away last week while in a hospital.

In addition to the DVA's rigorous COVID-19 signs and symptoms screening process, we are working to expand capacity to conduct broader testing of both Veteran Residents and Patients. The DVA Staff continue to follow the DVA Enhanced Safety and Health COVID-19 Protocols which are reviewed daily 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>.