

Commissioner's DVA Update - April 2, 2020

The Department of Veterans Affairs operates a Healthcare Center and a Residential Program at our Rocky Hill Campus. We have one confirmed case of a Veteran with COVID-19 in the Residential Program. Any Veteran Residents who may have come in close contact with this Veteran, or who are showing any symptoms of COVID-19, have been placed in isolation and will be tested. For any Staff that may have been in close contact with this Veteran, CDC guidelines will be followed. Enhanced health and safety protocols have been in place for several weeks throughout the DVA campus which include increased cleaning and disinfecting, social distancing, providing Staff and Veterans with personal protective equipment, no visitors allowed and daily COVID-19 screening of Veteran Residents, Patients and Staff. All off campus travel by Veteran Residents has been suspended subject to future review. The COVID-19 positive Veteran is being cared for by the DVA and is doing well with very mild symptoms at this time.

We have notified the Office of the Governor and both the State and Rocky Hill municipal offices of Public Health, Federal VA, DVA Board of Trustees and the State Veterans Affairs Committee. The DVA Staff is dedicated to working as a team to protect the health and safety of our Veterans and their colleagues while continuing to deliver programs and services to Veterans across the state".

Commissioner Thomas J. Saadi