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Subject: COVID-19 Awareness Update

VA continues to respond nationally to specific requests from States and Localities to aid local, privately operated, nursing homes and State Veterans Homes, where additional clinical staff and specialized gerontological expertise are needed to help with the most vulnerable citizens in our communities. VA has also accepted non-Veteran nursing home patients into VA medical facilities for care. The most recent accepted missions are in Delaware and Wisconsin.

VA has begun tracking COVID positive Veteran patients in the category of “Convalescing”, which means they are 14 days or longer from their last positive test. Former Inpatients who have been discharged and outpatients who are at home are being counted in this category.

As of today, VA is counting 3,760 Convalescing Veteran Patients out of a total 5,575 Veteran Patients, or approximately sixty percent.

In the near future, VA will be finalizing a national plan to return our local medical facilities, in a safe and deliberate manner, to a “New Normal” in daily operations. That plan will apply to local facilities on a case by case basis, depending upon prevailing conditions in respective States and Communities

For Daily COVID updates on confirmed patients can be found at this link: <https://www.accesstocare.va.gov/Healthcare/COVID19NationalSummary>. This link includes both Veteran and non-veteran data. Approximately twenty-one percent of Veterans who are positive for COVID-19 are quarantined at home.

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