

1. General guidance from our Rhode Island Department of Health:
 - a. Anyone who thinks they might have COVID-19 should call their healthcare provider. These people should not go directly to a healthcare facility without first calling a healthcare provider (unless they are experiencing a medical emergency).
 - b. Everyone needs to do their part to stop the spread of COVID-19.
 - i. Stay home from work if you are sick.
 - ii. Wash your hands often. Use warm water and soap or alcohol-based gel.
 - iii. Cough or sneeze into your elbow.
 - iv. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.
 - v. Get your flu shot.
 - vi. Whenever possible, avoid close personal contact in public.
 - c. The Rhode Island Department of Health has launched a 24-hour hotline for anyone with questions about the Coronavirus (401-222-8022). Residents can also call 211 after 4:30 p.m. for assistance.
 - d. People with general questions about COVID-19 can also visit www.health.ri.gov/covid, write to RIDOH.COVID19Questions@health.ri.gov, or call 401-222-8022.
2. Vets Home. No reports of COVID-19 at this time.
 - a. We have implemented Level 3 visitor restrictions. That means no visitation is allowed other than those essential to care. These visitors must also be older than 18 years of age, not have exposure to someone under investigation for COVID-19, and not be feeling sick or experiencing any of the following symptoms: cough, fever, chills, runny nose, stuffy nose, sore throat, or shortness of breath. People who have traveled internationally in the last 14 days will not be allowed to enter the Caution-Home.
 - b. We are halting new admissions temporarily.
 - c. No outside activity groups will be allowed at the Home through at least March 31.
 - d. We have restructured all activities and limiting them to the Neighborhoods; no centralized activities will take place.
 - e. Religious services will be decentralized and conducted in the Neighborhoods in lieu of the Chapel.
 - f. Residents who routinely leave the facility will be required to remain at the Caution-Home.
3. Veterans Cemetery. Maintaining normal operations with enhanced safety precautions (e.g., avoiding close personal contact, frequent hand washing, etc).
4. Veterans Resource Center. Maintaining normal operations but with enhanced safety precautions (e.g., avoiding close personal contact, frequent hand washing, etc).

While the risk of coronavirus/COVID-19 is still currently low, prevention is essential as this public health emergency continues to evolve. We will continue to provide regular updates, both by email and on our Twitter and Facebook pages (RI Office of Veterans Services and RI Veterans Home).