Overview of
Office of Secretary of Veterans & Defense Affairs
COVID19 Posture: UPDATE #6
(06-18JUN2020)

Office of Secretary of Veterans & Defense Affairs:

- Maintained key support and leadership role in Virginia Emergency Operations Center;
- Coordinated the demobilization of the final contingent of the more than 800 Virginia National Guardsmen who had been called to State Active Duty to support efforts to deter civil unrest;
- Provided remarks to the 2020 Virginia Women’s Veteran Virtual Summit;
- Participated in the Board of Veterans Services meeting June 10, 2020.
- Briefed the Governor on Department of Military Affairs (DMA) Federal Mobilization requirements, to include timelines, scope of missions and an overview of Guard resources available for mobilizations in case of state emergencies;
- Engaged with Association of Defense Communities (ADC) to attend webinars focused how the military service members and their families will begin to adjust to a new state of normal and the impact the pandemic had on career management and family transitions.

Virginia Department of Military Affairs:

- Deployed 34th CBRNE Enhanced Response Force Package (CERF-P) teams across the Commonwealth to support expanded COVID testing and point prevalence operations, PPE and decontamination coaching. Fulfilled mission assignments requested through emergency management process, to include logistics support, planning, mobile testing assistance and medical planning;
  - 40,165 point prevalence testing samples conducted across 114 locations;
  - 6,574 Community-based test samples collected at 32 locations;
  - 44,846 test samples transported to multiple lab locations;
  - 2,924 N95/PPE fittings;
  - 411,245 pounds of food distributed.
  - 42,045 hours of planning conducted in support of VDEM.
  *All numbers are cumulative as of 18 0730 June 2020.
- Completed 100% resident and staff COVID-19 testing at the Virginia Veterans Care Center in Roanoke;
- Demobilized Guardsmen on state active duty orders who were providing support to civil law enforcement agencies. All Guardsmen were tested and screened for COVID-19 as a part of the demobilization process.

Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS):

- VDVS team members continue to provide services via phone and email only in: the Benefits Services division, the Virginia Veteran and Family Support (VVFS) program, the Virginia War Memorial, and education, transition, and employment programs;
- Limited reopening of select offices and other facilities for in-person services will begin on June 22 (Veteran’s Cemeteries) and June 29 (Benefits Offices, VVFS program locations, and the interior of the Virginia War Memorial). To learn more please visit: www.dvs.virginia.gov;
- Executed a successful virtual 2020 Virginia Women’s Veterans Summit:
  - The summit had more than 1,300 participants over a three-day program;
- Worked with the Virginia Chamber of Commerce to plan the 2020 Virginia Veterans & Military Affairs Conference on August 19. The conference will be virtual this year.
Mental Health & Well Being Resources

- Virginia Department of Veterans Services: State Website: https://www.dvs.virginia.gov/


- Telehealth Opportunities with the Veterans Health Administration:
  o Overview of Telehealth Process for eligible Veterans: https://telehealth.va.gov/
  o VA Video Connect: https://mobile.va.gov/app/va-video-connect#AppFAQ
  o All VA Health Apps: https://mobile.va.gov/appstore
  o To learn more, call the VA’s 311 Information at 1-844-698-2311

STAYING INFORMED

For a list of all health & safety measures taken by the Commonwealth and a comprehensive list of state resources, please visit Virginia’s COVID-19 information page here; For a list of FAQs for those who are seeking information for unemployment benefits, click here or call 1-866-832-2363.

State:

Office of the Governor
State Website: https://www.governor.virginia.gov/
Twitter: https://twitter.com/GovernorVA
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Office of the Secretary of Veterans & Defense Affairs:
State Website: https://www.vada.virginia.gov/
Twitter: https://twitter.com/VaSecVADA
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/VaSecVADA/
LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/company/virginia-secretary-of-veterans-defense-affairs

Federal:

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- Richmond Veterans Administration Medical Center: https://www.richmond.va.gov/
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- Hampton Veterans Administration Medical Center: https://www.hampton.va.gov/
  https://twitter.com/hamptonvamc
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- Salem Veterans Administration Medical Center: https://www.salem.va.gov/
  https://twitter.com/VASalem
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U.S. Department of Defense:
- DoD Newsroom, click here;
- Coronavirus: Rumor Control, please click here.
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