

Overview of Office of Secretary of Veterans & Defense Affairs COVID19 Posture

Office of Secretary of Veterans & Defense Affairs:

- Actively serving as a member of the Virginia Emergency Support Team (VEST) and overseeing the
 <u>Virginia National Guard</u>'s (VNG) integration into planning within the Virginia Emergency Operations
 Center (VEOC);
- o Maintaining communication with military installations and commands to assess how COVID19 is impacting the military's mission readiness and whether the Commonwealth can provide assistance;
- Communicating with regional, business and Federal partners, to include Veterans Administration, Department of Defense (DoD), Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and VA Congressional Delegation.

Virginia Department of Military Affairs:

- o Governor Northam's Executive Order 51 activated the Virginia National Guard (VNG);
- VNG fulfilling emergency support functions to assist the VEST and VEOC, conducting planning and preparation activities, and executing logistics missions;
- The VEST and VNG are collaborating with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) on future needs, alternate care sites and capabilities for healthcare capacity.

Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS):

- Benefits Claims: DVS Benefits Offices are closed to in-person assistance. Veterans wishing to schedule
 phone or email appointments should call their Regional Office for assistance. Click here for a list of
 regional points of contact or call 804-786-0286.
- Virginia Veteran & Family Support Program (VVFS): VVFS office sites are closed to in-person assistance. VVFS staff are available to assist Veterans needing community resources or behavioral health assistance via phone and email. To speak with a VVFS representative click here or call 1-877-285-1299.
- o **Education and Transition & Employment:** The Education and Transition & Employment teams continue to assist military-related Virginians pursue their education and find meaningful employment.
 - Virginia Transition Assistance Program (VTAP) personnel are available to assist with resume writing and connect jobseekers to V3 companies. V3 certified companies continue to hire and support our Veterans and their families.
 - Veterans or their family members wishing to speak with a VTAP Transition Coordinator, please call **804-297-6147**. Videoconferencing is available.
 - For info. regarding the Va. Military Survivor's & Dependents Education Program, click here;
- Cemeteries: The Department continues to conduct burials. Attendees are limited to no more than 10 people. Memorial services will be offered once normal operations resumes. For more information, please click here or call 804-786-0286.
- Virginia War Memorial: The interior parts of the Memorial are closed to visitors, but the exterior grounds remain open. Click here or call 804-786-2060 for more information.
- o Suicide Prevention and Crisis Resources: 1-800-273-(TALK) 8255.

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/

News Releases: https://www.governor.virginia.gov/newsroom/news-releases/
Executive Actions: https://www.governor.virginia.gov/executive-actions/

Twitter: https://twitter.com/GovernorVA

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/GovernorVA/

Secretariat 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

Virginia Department of Veterans Services

State Website: https://www.dvs.virginia.gov/
Twitter: https://twitter.com/@VaVeteransSvcs
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/VVFS2010/

FEDERAL:

U.S. Department of Defense:

DoD Newsroom, click here;

Military One Source: Coronavirus Resources Information for Military Community, click here.

Coronavirus: Rumor Control, please click here.

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Find a VA Medical Center near you, click here;

Veterans Health Administration's Appointment Procedures, click here;

Veteran's Health Administration's Telehealth resources, click here;

Richmond Veterans Administration Medical Center:

https://www.richmond.va.gov/

https://www.facebook.com/RichmondVAMC

https://twitter.com/RichmondVAMC

Hampton Veterans Administration Medical Center:

https://www.hampton.va.gov/

https://twitter.com/hamptonvamc

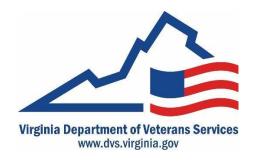
https://www.facebook.com/HamptonVAMC

Salem Veterans Administration Medical Center:

https://www.salem.va.gov/

https://twitter.com/VASalem

https://www.facebook.com/SalemVAMC



- For the following offices in the East, the number to call is <u>757-455-0814</u>

- Accomac
- Chesapeake
- Hampton
- Hampton VAMC
- Norfolk
- Portsmouth
- Williamsburg
- Virginia Beach Pembroke
- Virginia Beach Oceana

For the offices in the North, the number to call is <u>703-479-7437</u>

- Fort Belvoir
- Fairfax
- Loudoun
- Manassas
- Pentagon
- Quantico
- Springfield
- Strasburg

For the offices in the West, the number to call is <u>540-982-2463 ext 6547</u>

- Abingdon
- Big Stone Gap
- Danville
- Lynchburg
- Roanoke
- Salem VAMC
- Staunton
- Tazewell
- Wytheville

For the offices in Central Virginia, the number to call is <u>804-691-4905</u> or <u>804 720-8027</u>

- Charlottesville
- Emporia
- Fort Lee
- Fredericksburg
- Henrico
- McGuire VAMC
- Petersburg
- South Hill