we recently formed the HPO Racial Equity Workgroup. The group has three focus areas: achieve the best possible outcomes for everyone who wore the uniform. To that end, and addressing racial bias in the delivery of care to the Veterans we serve to ensure we to die from COVID-19 as white, non-Hispanic, Americans. Every American as likely structural inequalities that exist within America, including disparate health care. Healthcare equity is at the center of VA's work serving Veterans. COVID-19 has amplified pandemic using donated laptop computers and mobile phones. for Veterans who need to be isolated for their safety or the safety of others. VA cannot do needed emergency housing and supportive services, including emergency placement spreading or contracting COVID-19. The funding also enables the Grant and Per Diem Administration (VHA), of which $700 million is devoted to expanding services for and subpopulation during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act allocated $17.2 billion for the Veterans Health Administration, including $700 million devoted to assisting low-income Veteran families. This funding enhances VA's ability to provide homeless prevention and rapid rehousing resources to address the unique challenges faced by Veterans and their families who are facing homelessness during the COVID-19 pandemic. Veterans and their families who are facing homelessness during the COVID-19 pandemic. Supports include:• quick, easy-to-use online survey tool to connect Veterans and their families to necessary services and resources (www.va.gov/commissionedforce); and• field staff: bias, systemic racism, identity, and psychological safety. and operations to have racial equity as a core component and create a more Conduct a comprehensive organizational assessment to determine when discrimination concerns are raised and revise the processes, if necessary. Field staff:

1. Education: Implicit bias training for employees and Veterans, which addresses implicit
2. Engagement: Cultural competencies and cultural responsiveness to determine
3. Implementation: Strategic plan to create a more inclusive workplace where employees feel safe to share concerns.
4. Feedback: Collecting and analyzing feedback from employees and Veterans to understand and address issues.

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Defense is working to ensure that all Veterans and their families are included in the response to the COVID-19 pandemic. As the pandemic continues, the Department of Defense (DoD) is partnering with VA to ensure that all Veterans and their families have access to the care and support they need. DoD and VA have been working closely together to address the unique needs of Veterans and their families during this time of crisis.

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New events are added regularly. For more information, including Stand Down POCs, or to participate, check upcoming Stand Downs in your community, visit the.

Next Stand Down

Veteransliable to subsequently experience a worsening of their mental health, such as anxiety or depression, due to the pandemic. The outbreak has led to cancellations of in-person support services and the transition to virtual platforms, which can make it difficult for some Veterans to access the care they need. In response to these challenges, VA has implemented new strategies to ensure that Veterans can continue to receive the care and support they need.