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COVID in 20

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 - ❖ Click the link [COVID in 20: July 2, 2020](#) to register in TMS
Item Number: VA 41993
Item Description: COVID in 20 is a panel discussion addressing the most current treatment approaches and related items regarding COVID-19.

Participants will not be registered after the event.

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- Call starts at 4:30 pm ET
- Audio
 - Participants are muted – use Q & A to interact
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- Recordings will be available soon after the live event at [EM Community of Practice Website](#).
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VA | Clinical Strong Practices

Solutions, techniques and resources for responding to COVID-19

Clinical Strong Practice (CSP): Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

This practice expands on the existing Employee Assistance Program (EAP) by incorporating the expertise of facility departments, staff, mental health treatment, and physicians to develop content and facilitate virtual group sessions designed to help employees cope in a time of heightened stress responding to COVID-19.

Get This Practice: [Download the practice profile](#)

Get Engaged: Do you have feedback on this practice or would you like to submit a practice for consideration as a Clinical Strong Practice? Please email VHAClinicalStrongPractices@va.gov



VHA Moving Forward Readiness Quick Guide

JULY 2020

This guide provides tips and references to help your site navigate anticipated resurgence of COVID-19 and was built based on lessons learned from your community of facility leaders who have experienced COVID-19 surges. If your facility begins to identify positive case growth rate in the local community that affects your site's ability to meet the [Gating Criteria](#), a review of the following considerations will guide your decisions to continue to expand or to temporarily scale back services. These decisions must always prioritize the safety of Veterans and staff.

<p>Education, Training, and Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review Clinical Crisis Skills Training Continue strong communication to Veterans, staff, and local community, through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Social media ⇒ Printed materials ⇒ Scripts and frontline staff FAQs ⇒ Town halls Use materials from Moving Forward Communications Toolkit, Chapter 5: Resurgence Ensure correct facility status indicators on public-facing sites 	<p>Bed Occupancy and Capacity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor bed occupancy and capacity, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ ED overcrowding, ventilators, CLC, Med/Surg, ICU, and negative pressure Maintain 30% surge capacity Review Bed Expansion Plans and Surge Toolkit Activate BMS Out-of-Service (OOS) "Activate on Demand" beds and prepare to activate other OOS beds Convert available beds to C-19 care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Construct barriers and/or add equipment 	<p>Testing, Screening, Inventory, and Staffing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor testing and screening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Employee and Veteran ⇒ Supplies and Path/Lab capacity Monitor and cross-level equipment and supplies Monitor sterilization and 3D printing output where applicable Monitor hiring, losses, and leave <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Continue to leverage emergency hiring authorities as appropriate ⇒ Cross-level as needed
<p>Service Expansion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor Gating Criteria Monitor face-to-face visits by site and ensure bed capacity and supplies meet current and projected visits Revisit checklist and local dashboard(s) Ensure safe environment of care Maintain or adjust 4th Mission support 	<p>Case Growth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor positive case growth, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Community and VA ILI and C-19 cases ⇒ County prevalence rate Sources: Johns Hopkins, McKinsey, National Surveillance Tool, Google Mobility, Nursing Home Compare, US Census Bureau, Harvard Global Health Dashboard 	<p>In-House, Community, and Virtual Care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor deferred cases by specialty, in-house, and community care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Utilize RCI strategies Continue to leverage virtual modalities to the greatest extent possible Promote virtual care tools to Veterans Monitor number of cases by specialty by site and review prioritization

Resources: [Moving Forward Plan](#) · [Moving Forward Guidebook](#) · [Moving Forward Data Resource Guide](#) · [Moving Forward Communications Toolkit](#)

- ★ This [VHA Moving Forward Readiness Quick Guide](#) was released to VISNs today.
- ★ A new version of the [Moving Forward Guidebook](#) was also uploaded today and includes resurgence guidance (pgs. 8-9).
- ★ Please continue to revisit this Guidebook for up-to-date information on the Moving Forward Plan.

CONGRATULATIONS

DR. DAVID ROSENTHAL- CHAI Award Winner



David Rosenthal, MD, Medical Director--Homeless Patient Aligned Care Team, New Haven, CT

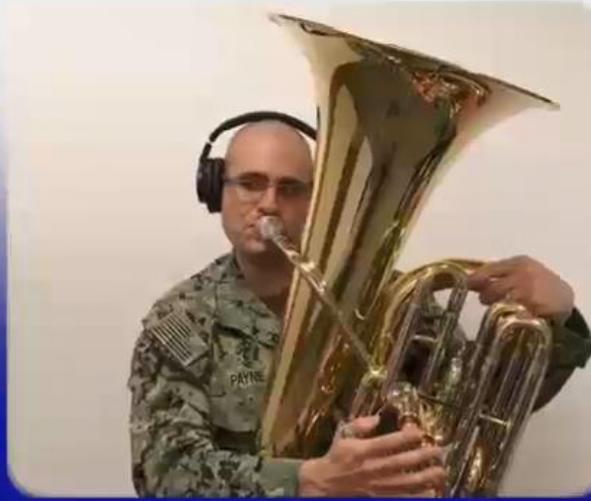
The mayor of New Haven, Connecticut recently thanked Dr. Rosenthal for his efforts in establishing a 50 bed respite shelter to serve COVID-19 positive homeless population. His leadership as the city's lead medical advisor supported the VA's 4th mission in aiding the community during times of national emergencies.

Nominated by: Lucille Burgo

Quarantined Military Band Salute



Thank you
to all the men and women,
past and present,
who have served in the
United States military!



COVID UNPLUGGED

Welcome Back to our Speakers!



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Louisville VAMC



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GOOD NEWS PAGE

The CHAI Award

CCOVID-19 HHero AAward for IInnovation

*An award to celebrate **hard work and innovation** in the face of COVID*

Not your average cup of Chai!

We would love to hear your stories!

Have **good news, success stories, innovative ideas from the front line, funny videos?**

Please share them with us!

We will feature selected stories here!

- Please submit videos in .mov or .MP4 format
- Try to keep videos around a minute long
- If recording on a smartphone, shoot video sideways
- We plan to share one submission per *COVID in 20* episode.
- Be creative!

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