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**VHA Implements COVID-19 Health Protection Levels to Enhance Safety of Veterans,
Visitors and Employees**

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LEBANON, Pa. – Lebanon VA Medical Center is implementing COVID-19 Health Protection Levels as part VA’s consistent, nationwide approach for Veterans Health Administration (VHA) facilities to adjust COVID-19 safety protocols locally as needed.

The three VHA COVID-19 Health Protection Levels – low, medium, and high – align with CDC’s Community Transmission levels, which are based on new COVID cases and percentage of positive tests.

Starting this week, Lebanon VA Medical Center is at level High. The VHA COVID-19 Health Protection Level will be updated as needed on Mondays.

High Level :

1. Masks are required
2. Symptom-Screening is required
3. Care team-approved visitors only
4. Physical distancing is required

“Our local Veterans are resolute about receiving their care at our facility and we want to keep them safe during the ups and downs of COVID-19 community spread,” said Medical Center Director and CEO Robert W. Callahan, Jr. “Instead of increasing or decreasing access to care, safety protocols will be adjusted based on COVID-19 levels in the community.”

Please visit <https://www.va.gov/lebanon-health-care/> or call 717-272-6621 for current protection levels before your next visit. If patients or visitors are heading to a VA facility in another county, they should check with that health facility to determine the facility’s VHA COVID-19 Health Protection Level.

Visit www.va.gov/coronavirus-veteran-frequently-asked-questions/ for questions and answers regarding the VHA COVID-19 Health Protection Levels. For more information, please contact Douglas Etter at douglas.etter@va.gov or 717-228-6079.

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