U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
COVID-19 Pandemic Response
Weekly Report: February 19–25, 2022

**VACCINE**

**66.7% Veteran users vaccinated**

4,666,270 people vaccinated
(at least one dose)

- 4,123,738 Veterans
- 350,252 employees
- 129,929 SAVE LIVES Act
- 30,062 other federal Act
- 32,289 other

**Rurality**

- 60.7% rural
- 58.5% highly rural
- 67.9% urban

**Race**

- 64.5% White
- 69.2% Black or African American
- 74.6% Asian
- 60.0% American Indian or Alaskan Native
- 66.3% Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- 61.8% Multiple

Vaccine figures are as of Feb. 25, 2022.

**VETERAN CARE**

VA has diagnosed 605,053 people with COVID-19

1,105 current COVID-19 inpatients

80,576 COVID-19 patients admitted to VA facilities

574,850 COVID-19 patients now in convalescence

7,902,648 tests completed

**VIRTUAL CARE**

203,185 weekly home or off-site telehealth visits (from Feb. 13–19, 2022)

1,715.8% increase in home or off-site telehealth visits (from Mar. 1, 2020–Feb. 19, 2022)

**FOURTH MISSION**

13 mission assignments

182 completed missions

All figures are as of Feb. 24, 2022, unless otherwise noted.
GOOD NEWS STORIES

1) Veteran recognized with mural at VA Hospital
“Every person that is in the military in a combat situation does what they have to do. They go where they have to go and fight what they have to fight.”
Read the full story.

2) Veteran makes music to heal others
Michael Powers pulled a harmonica from his case of 20, cupped his hands around the woodwind and started to play. “When I was just a little kid, I started playing it,” said Powers.
Read the full story.

3) VA nurse invents eye-drop applicator
Terri Ohlinger is a nurse at the Cincinnati VA and the inventor of the “DropEase.”
Read the full story.

4) VA expands services for senior Veterans
The purpose is to allow senior Veterans either to delay going into a nursing home and select the care environment that they prefer, or to age in place at home.
Read the full story.

VA.gov had 3,410,348 visitors (last 7 days) (as of Feb. 24, 2022)
VA.gov/Coronavirus had 1,275 visitors (from Feb. 19–25, 2022)
VA.gov/Coronavirus-chatbot had 358,160 visitors (from Apr. 23, 2020–Feb. 27, 2022)

970 calls made to VA's COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions Hotline (from Feb. 20–26, 2022)
3,030 calls to White House VA Hotline (last 7 days) (as of Feb. 24, 2022)