U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
COVID-19 Pandemic Response
Weekly Report: July 17–23, 2021

VACCINE

51.8% Veteran users vaccinated

3,637,976 people vaccinated
(least one dose)

- 3,185,461 Veterans
- 316,482 employees
- 77,309 SAVE LIVES Act
- 29,902 other federal partners
- 28,822 other

Race

- 51.4% White
- 54.4% Black or African American
- 57.6% Asian
- 45.1% American Indian or Alaskan Native
- 51.0% Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- 47.5% Multiple

Rurality

- 46.7% rural
- 45.1% highly rural
- 54.5% urban

Veteran Care

VA has diagnosed 271,127 people with COVID-19

- 45,708 COVID-19 patients admitted to VA facilities
- 345 current COVID-19 inpatients
- 255,053 COVID-19 patients now in convalescence
- 4,183,055 tests completed

Virtual Care

176,820 weekly home or off-site telehealth visits (from July 11–17, 2021)

- 1,480% increase in home or off-site telehealth visits (from Mar. 1, 2020–July 17, 2021)

FEMA

- 3 mission assignments
- 155 completed missions

All figures are as of July 22, 2021, unless otherwise noted.
GOOD NEWS STORIES

1) Central Texas Veteran uses skydiving as form of therapy
Not only can skydiving be fun, it serves as a form of therapy for Veteran Ray Davis. “The door opened and the wind hit me in the face and everything just was a release.”
Read the full story.

2) As COVID cases surge again, VA officials implore all Veterans to get vaccinated
Veterans Affairs officials urge all Veterans and family members to get vaccinated against coronavirus as cases begin to surge again across the country.
Read the full story.

3) Beckley VAMC adult daycare re-opens after COVID-19 pandemic
With COVID-19 restrictions easing, the adult day care center has reopened at the Beckley VAMC. It is the first adult day care center in the nationwide VA to open after the pandemic.
Read the full story.

4) VA Maryland Health Care System offers help to Veterans struggling through pandemic
A local woman dealing with the trauma of rape says the pandemic added to her struggles. A new VA Maryland program is helping her and others cope.
Read the full story.