U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
COVID-19 Pandemic Response
Weekly Report: February 12–18, 2022

VACCINE

66.5% Veteran users vaccinated

4,655,355 people vaccinated
(at least one dose)
- 4,113,051 Veterans
- 350,252 VA employees
- 129,729 SAVE LIVES Act
- 30,060 other federal partners
- 32,263 other

Race
- 64.4% White
- 69.1% Black or African American
- 74.4% Asian
- 59.9% American Indian or Alaskan Native
- 66.0% Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- 61.6% Multiple

Rurality
- 60.5% rural
- 58.3% highly rural
- 67.8% urban

VETERAN CARE

VA has diagnosed 600,583 people with COVID-19

1,424 current COVID-19 inpatients

79,365 COVID-19 patients admitted to VA facilities (as of Feb. 3, 2022)

564,732 COVID-19 patients now in convalescence

VIRTUAL CARE

210,135 weekly home or off-site telehealth visits (from Feb. 6–Feb. 12, 2022)

1,777.9% increase in home or off-site telehealth visits
(from Mar. 1, 2020–Feb. 12, 2022)

FOURTH MISSION

14 mission assignments
181 completed missions

All figures are as of Feb. 17, 2022, unless otherwise noted.
GOOD NEWS STORIES

1) Phone number on dog’s bandana saves a life
A Veteran suspected his buddy was suicidal. Then remembered the phone number on his dog’s bandana: 1-800-273-8255.
Read the full story.

2) Transforming Care for Women at VA
Dr. Patricia Hayes, Chief Officer for Women’s Health and Dr. Amanda Johnson, Director of Women’s Reproductive Health, discuss how VA is advancing care for women Veterans.
Read the full story.

3) Salute Week honors Veteran patients
“We get so many Valentine’s Day cards every year. We got 750 from one group the other day.”
Read the full story.

4) VA looks to boost health care services through wireless networks
“We’re doing our best to provide modern telehealth services not only to our providers, but to the Veterans in those areas.”
Read the full story.