**VACCINE**

**54.7% Veteran users vaccinated**

- **3,819,505 people vaccinated** (at least one dose)
  - **3,354,289** Veterans
  - **322,548** employees
  - **82,515** SAVE LIVES Act
  - **29,927** other federal partners
  - **30,226** other

**Race**

- **54.1% White**
- **57.6% Black or African American**
- **60.6% Asian**
- **48.0% American Indian or Alaskan Native**
- **53.7% Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander**
- **50.1% Multiple**

**Rurality**

- **49.5% rural**
- **47.4% highly rural**
- **57.3% urban**

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**VETERAN CARE**

- VA has diagnosed **286,606** people with COVID-19
- **48,375** COVID-19 patients admitted to VA facilities*
- **854** current COVID-19 inpatients*
- **263,383** COVID-19 patients now in convalescence

*Veteran Care figures are as of Aug. 12, 2021.

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**VIRTUAL CARE**

- **168,574** weekly home or off-site telehealth visits (from Aug. 1–7, 2021)
- **1,407%** increase in home or off-site telehealth visits (from Mar. 1, 2020–Aug. 7 2021)

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**FOURTH MISSION**

- **7** mission assignments
- **155** completed missions

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All figures are as of Aug. 13, 2021, unless otherwise noted.
GOOD NEWS STORIES

1) VA extends vaccine mandate to more employees, volunteers & contractors
VA will require more employees to be vaccinated against the coronavirus, extending the mandate to nearly everyone who works at VA hospitals or visits them.
Read the full story.

2) Amarillo VA: COVID-19 surge plan in place
With COVID-19 cases rising, Amarillo VA is changing some visitation policies. “We have a surge plan that’s ready to accommodate any additional needs,” said Associate Director of Patient Care Services Dr. Catherine Ewing.
Read the full story.

3) Congress unleashes service dogs for Veterans with PTSD
The Senate has passed the PAWS Act. The bill, which awaits President Joe Biden’s signature, would authorize VA to provide service dogs to Veterans receiving mental health care.
Read the full story.

4) “Operation New Hope” vaccinates 23,000+ Veterans
To better reach Veterans with COVID-19 vaccines, VA Western New York set up a military-grade MASH tent. “Operation New Hope” vaccinated over 23,000 Veterans.
Read the full story.