U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
COVID-19 Pandemic Response
Weekly Report: November 6–12, 2021

VACCINE

62.2% Veteran users vaccinated
(as of Nov. 12, 2021)

4,401,240 people vaccinated
(at least one dose) (as of Nov. 12, 2021)

- 3,869,810 Veterans
- 346,468 employees
- 98,879 SAVE LIVES Act
- 30,000 other federal partners
- 55,783 other

Race

- 58.6% White
- 62.7% Black or African American
- 66.5% Asian
- 52.9% American Indian or Alaskan Native
- 58.9% Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- 54.7% Multiple

Rurality

- 57.0% rural
- 54.6% highly rural
- 64.6% urban

Vaccine figures by rurality are as of Nov. 12, 2021.
Vaccine figures by race are as of Sep. 24, 2021.

VETERAN CARE

- VA has diagnosed 370,543 people with COVID-19
- 627 current COVID-19 inpatients
- 60,661 COVID-19 patients admitted to VA facilities
- 348,558 COVID-19 patients now in convalescence
- 5,529,439 tests completed

VIRTUAL CARE

- 181,572 weekly home or off-site telehealth visits (from Oct. 31–Nov. 6, 2021)
- 1,522.6% increase in home or off-site telehealth visits (from Mar. 1, 2020–Nov. 6, 2021)

FOURTH MISSION

- 14 mission assignments
- 172 completed missions

All figures are as of Nov. 10, 2021, unless otherwise noted.
GOOD NEWS STORIES

1) Martinsburg VAMC expands offering of COVID-19 vaccines

“Vaccines remain the best way of protecting Veterans, staff and the community against COVID-19,” said Deputy Chief of Staff Dr. Michael Zapor.

Read the full story.

2) Veterans and families roll up sleeves for COVID-19 boosters shots at Buffalo VA

“The booster dose is here to protect and boost the immune response for those who received the first doses and need that added level of protection,” said Covid vaccine coordinator Sean Lindstrom.

Read the full story.

3) Research arm of VA funds little-known, life-saving work

“We’ve been doing research since about 1925,” said Army Veteran Dr. Molly Klore, director of the VA Office of Research Protections, Policy, and Education. “Our research translates to all Americans.”

Read the full story.

4) Food truck owner feeds VA hospital staff that helped him beat COVID-19

Air Force Veteran True Pasley brought his popular food truck to the Veterans Week celebration at the Gulf Coast VA, where he recovered from Covid earlier this year.

Read the full story.