



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs COVID-19 Pandemic Response

Weekly Report: January 15–21, 2022



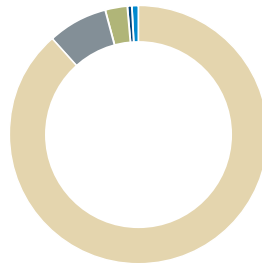
VACCINE

65.5% Veteran users vaccinated

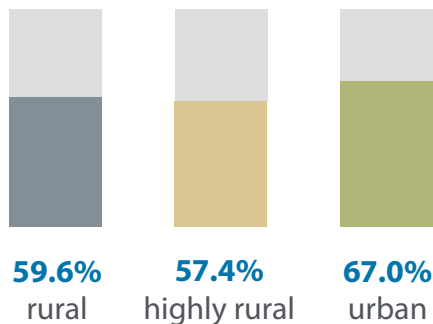
4,577,838 people vaccinated

(at least one dose)

- 4,049,434 Veterans
- 349,875 employees
- 116,317 SAVE LIVES Act
- 30,070 other federal partners
- 32,142 other



Rurality



Vaccine figures are as of Jan. 21, 2022.

Race

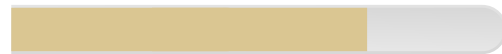
63.6% White



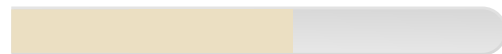
68.2% Black or African American



73.3% Asian



59.0% American Indian or Alaskan Native



64.9% Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander



60.6% Multiple



VETERAN CARE

VA has diagnosed **534,132** people with COVID-19



71,771 COVID-19 patients admitted to VA facilities

3,166 current COVID-19 inpatients

450,233 COVID-19 patients now in convalescence



6,671,186 tests completed

VIRTUAL CARE

208,311 weekly home or off-site telehealth visits (from Jan. 9–15, 2022)



1,761% increase in home or off-site telehealth visits (from Mar. 1, 2020–Jan. 15, 2022)

FOURTH MISSION



FEMA

17 mission assignments

177 completed missions

All figures are as of Jan. 20, 2022, unless otherwise noted.

[VA.gov](#) had **3,814,799** visitors (last 7 days) (as of Jan. 20, 2022)

[VA.gov/Coronavirus](#) had **2,411** visitors (from Jan. 15–21, 2022)

[VA.gov/Coronavirus-chatbot](#) had **356,140** visitors (from Apr. 23, 2020–Jan. 21, 2022)



1,851 calls made to VA's COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions Hotline (from Jan. 16–22, 2022)

2,890 calls to White House VA Hotline (last 7 days) (as of Jan. 20, 2022)

GOOD NEWS STORIES



1) Get vaccinated, VA Secretary urges Veterans

At a Blue Star Families forum, VA Secretary Denis McDonough urged people to continue to be vaccinated against COVID-19, reiterating vaccines are the best form of defense against hospitalization and death.

[Read the full story.](#)

2) You Asked, We Answered: What should I know about the Omicron variant?

Your COVID-19 questions answered: VA is listening to and answering your questions about COVID-19.

[Read the full story.](#)

3) Transforming Veterans' lives with equine therapy

Horses Spirits Healing is one of only two accredited equine therapy programs in Montana.

[Read the full story.](#)

4) COVID policy changes at Clarksburg VA Hospital affect visitation

The only approved masks within the medical center will be medical-grade N95 or KN95 masks. An approved mask will be provided if visitors don't have one.

[Read the full story.](#)



VA's COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions Hotline: 844-698-2311
 Veterans Crisis Line: 800-273-8255 & Press 1
 VA 411: 800-698-2411

Call your VA medical center ([VA.gov/find-locations](#)) before visiting. This helps us protect you, other Veterans & medical staff.

[VA.gov/Coronavirus](#)

[VA Coronavirus: FAQs page](#)

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