

**Overview of
Office of Secretary of Veterans & Defense Affairs
COVID19 Posture**



Office of Secretary of Veterans & Defense Affairs:

- Actively serving as a member of the Virginia Emergency Support Team (VEST) and overseeing the [Virginia National Guard](#)'s (VNG) integration into planning within the Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC);
- Maintaining communication with military installations and commands to assess how COVID19 is impacting the military's mission readiness and whether the Commonwealth can provide assistance;
- Communicating with regional, business and Federal partners, to include Veterans Administration, Department of Defense (DoD), Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and VA Congressional Delegation.

Virginia Department of Military Affairs:

- Governor Northam's [Executive Order 51](#) activated the Virginia National Guard (VNG);
- VNG fulfilling emergency support functions to assist the VEST and VEOC, conducting planning and preparation activities, and executing logistics missions;
- The VEST and VNG are collaborating with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) on future needs, alternate care sites and capabilities for healthcare capacity.

Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS):

- **Benefits Claims:** DVS Benefits Offices are closed to in-person assistance. Veterans wishing to schedule phone or email appointments should call their Regional Office for assistance. Click [here](#) for a list of regional points of contact or call **804-786-0286**.
- **Virginia Veteran & Family Support Program (VVFS):** VVFS office sites are closed to in-person assistance. VVFS staff are available to assist Veterans needing community resources or behavioral health assistance via phone and email. To speak with a VVFS representative click [here](#) or call **1-877-285-1299**.
- **Education and Transition & Employment:** The Education and Transition & Employment teams continue to assist military-related Virginians pursue their education and find meaningful employment.
 - Virginia Transition Assistance Program (VTAP) personnel are available to assist with resume writing and connect jobseekers to V3 companies. V3 certified companies continue to hire and support our Veterans and their families.
 - Veterans or their family members wishing to speak with a VTAP Transition Coordinator, please call **804-297-6147**. Videoconferencing is available.
 - For info. regarding the Va. Military Survivor's & Dependents Education Program, click [here](#);
- **Cemeteries:** The Department continues to conduct burials. Attendees are limited to no more than 10 people. Memorial services will be offered once normal operations resumes. For more information, please click [here](#) or call **804-786-0286**.
- **Virginia War Memorial:** The interior parts of the Memorial are closed to visitors, but the exterior grounds remain open. Click [here](#) or call **804-786-2060** for more information.
- **Suicide Prevention and Crisis Resources: 1-800-273-(TALK) 8255.**

STAYING INFORMED

For a list of all health & safety measures taken by the Commonwealth and a *comprehensive list of state resources*, please visit *Virginia's COVID-19 information page* [here](#); For a list of FAQs for those who are seeking information for unemployment benefits, click [here](#) or call **1-866-832-2363**.

STATE:

Office of the Governor

State Website: <https://www.governor.virginia.gov/>

News Releases: <https://www.governor.virginia.gov/newsroom/news-releases/>

Executive Actions: <https://www.governor.virginia.gov/executive-actions/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/GovernorVA>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GovernorVA/>

Secretariat of Veterans & Defense Affairs:

State Website: <https://www.vada.virginia.gov/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/VaSecVADA>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/VaSecVADA/>

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/virginia-secretary-of-veterans-defense-affairs>

Virginia Department of Veterans Services

State Website: <https://www.dvs.virginia.gov/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/@VaVeterans Svcs>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/VVFS2010/>

FEDERAL:

U.S. Department of Defense:

DoD Newsroom, click [here](#);

Military One Source: Coronavirus Resources Information for Military Community, click [here](#).

Coronavirus: Rumor Control, please click [here](#).

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Find a VA Medical Center near you, click [here](#);

Veterans Health Administration's Appointment Procedures, click [here](#);

Veteran's Health Administration's Telehealth resources, click [here](#);

Richmond Veterans Administration Medical Center:

<https://www.richmond.va.gov/>

<https://www.facebook.com/RichmondVAMC>

<https://twitter.com/RichmondVAMC>

Hampton Veterans Administration Medical Center:

<https://www.hampton.va.gov/>

<https://twitter.com/hamptonvamac>

<https://www.facebook.com/HamptonVAMC>

Salem Veterans Administration Medical Center:

<https://www.salem.va.gov/>

<https://twitter.com/VASalem>

<https://www.facebook.com/SalemVAMC>



- **For the following offices in the East, the number to call is 757-455-0814**
 - Accomac
 - Chesapeake
 - Hampton
 - Hampton VAMC
 - Norfolk
 - Portsmouth
 - Williamsburg
 - Virginia Beach – Pembroke
 - Virginia Beach – Oceana
- **For the offices in the North, the number to call is 703-479-7437**
 - Fort Belvoir
 - Fairfax
 - Loudoun
 - Manassas
 - Pentagon
 - Quantico
 - Springfield
 - Strasburg
- **For the offices in the West, the number to call is 540-982-2463 ext 6547**
 - Abingdon
 - Big Stone Gap
 - Danville
 - Lynchburg
 - Roanoke
 - Salem VAMC
 - Staunton
 - Tazewell
 - Wytheville
- **For the offices in Central Virginia, the number to call is 804-691-4905 or 804 720-8027**
 - Charlottesville
 - Emporia
 - Fort Lee
 - Fredericksburg
 - Henrico
 - McGuire VAMC
 - Petersburg
 - South Hill