

Veterans Health Administration COVID-19 Response – 2/12/2021



VA



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Important Notes on Methodology

- Data reported in this brief is a mix of bio-surveillance methodology utilizing medical records and some self-reported data (primarily regarding employee information).
- VA continues to expand testing.
- The status of supplies, equipment and beds occupancy change hourly.

COVID-19 Vaccination

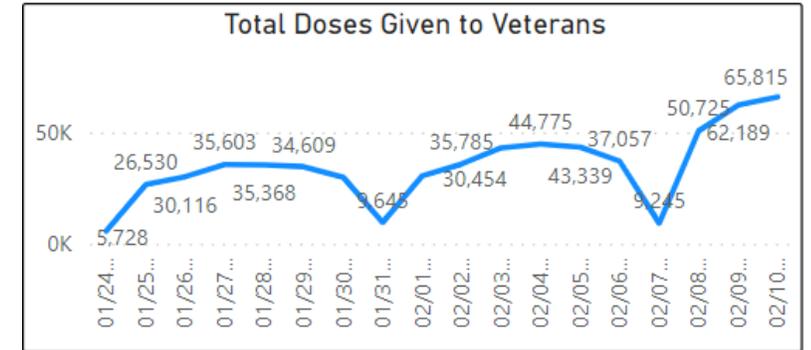
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Individuals Vaccinated

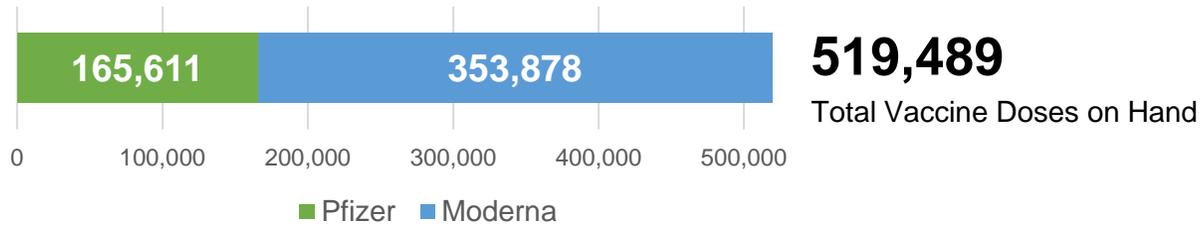
| | Veterans | Employees | Other ¹ | TOTAL |
|---|----------|-----------|--------------------|------------------|
| Individuals with at least one dose | 831,407 | 253,421 | 5,359 | 1,090,187 |
| Individuals Fully Vaccinated ² | 1,325 | 205,018 | - | 206,343 |

1. Other includes VA's fourth mission vaccinations; VA is currently provided vaccines to the Department of Homeland Security. Other missions may include State Veteran Home employees and Veteran's caregivers.
2. Individuals Fully Vaccinated is a subset of the number of individuals who have received at least one dose

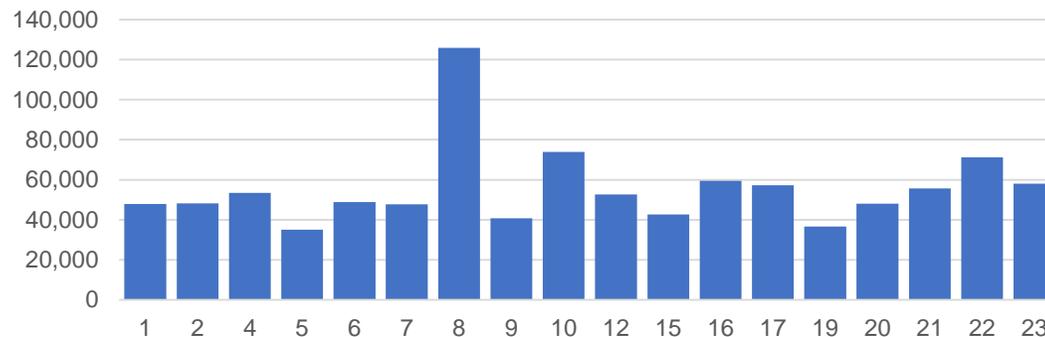
Daily Doses Administered



Vaccine Supply



Total Vaccine Doses Shipped to each VISN



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VHA's COVID-19 Testing Capability

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Status of Specimen Collection and Testing

| | |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Unique Patients Tested | 1,354,282 |
| Number Negative | 1,036,322 |
| Number Positive | 219,951 |
| Number Pending | 89,535 |
| Other** | 8,474 |

*Includes all individuals tested within the VA system – primarily Veterans but may include employee or civilian tests. Individuals may be tested more than once; only the most recent test is counted for this table.

**Other may denote clerical or administrative errors within the lab order or indeterminate results.

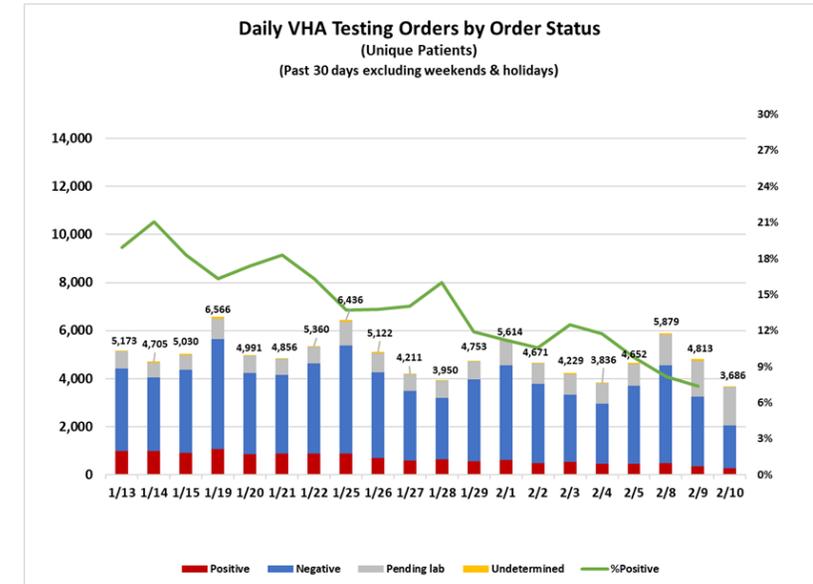
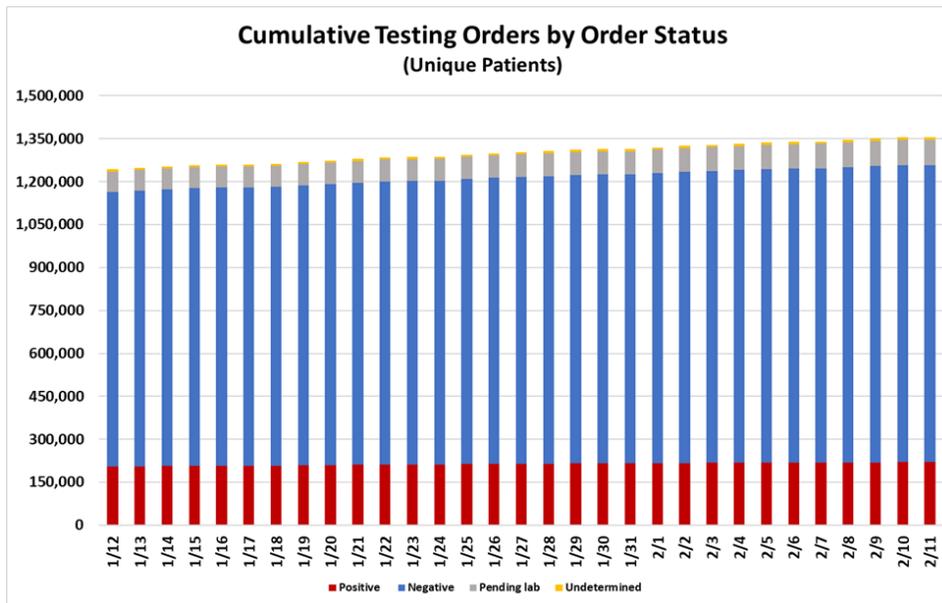


Table 1. VHA COVID-19 Tests Completed*



Testing

Since March 2020, VA has completed nearly **2.7 million COVID19 tests** with an average turnaround time from collection to result of **1.14 days** and a **positivity rate of 6.48%**.

VHA COVID-19 Case Overview - Veterans

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Daily Status of Veteran Patients

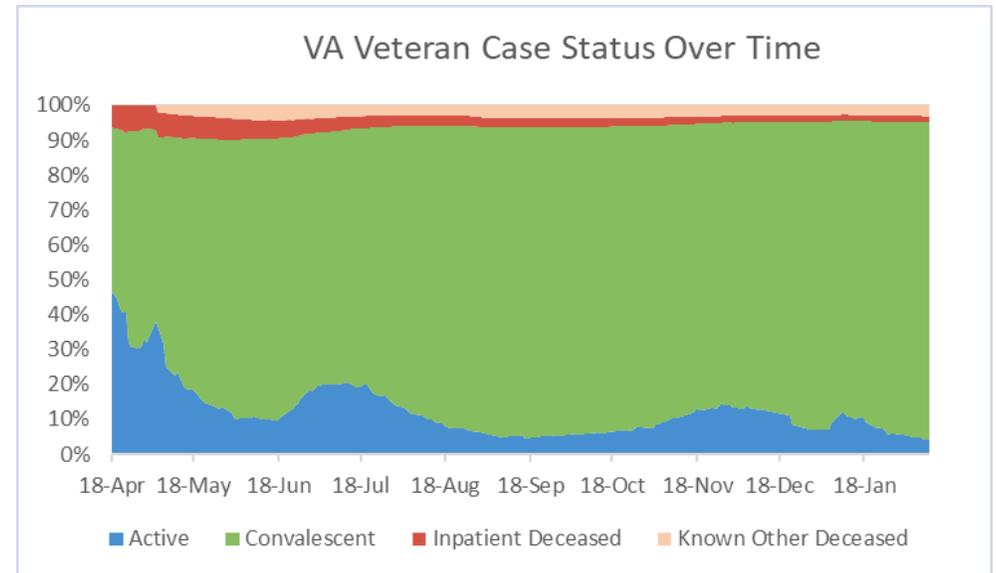
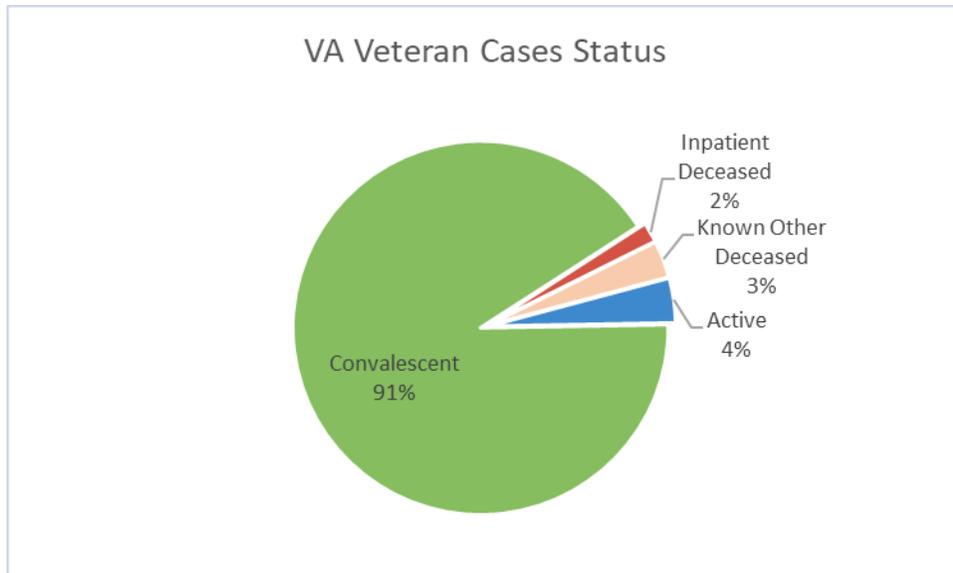
| ACTIVE COVID-19 CASES | Number | Change 24 Hours |
|---------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Total Active Cases | 7,557 | +74 |
| VA Outpatient | 6,752 | +111 |
| VA Inpatient | 805 | -37 |

| Known COVID-19 Veteran Fatalities | Number | Change 24 Hours |
|-----------------------------------|--------|-----------------|
| Deceased Inpatient | 3,404 | +21 |
| Known Deceased Other | 6,255 | +58 |

| CONVALESCENT CASES | Number | Change 24 Hours |
|---------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Total Convalescent Cases | 177,298 | +1,194 |
| VA Outpatient | 174,510 | +1,185 |
| VA Inpatient* | 2,788 | +9 |

*Convalescent Inpatients may remain inpatient for non-COVID reasons (e.g. CLC, acute psychiatric care) or may have been discharged and since re-admitted for non-COVID treatment

NOTE: Definitions for all terms may be found at VA's public reporting site: <https://www.accesstocare.va.gov/Healthcare/COVID19NationalSummary>



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COVID-19 Impact on VHA Workforce

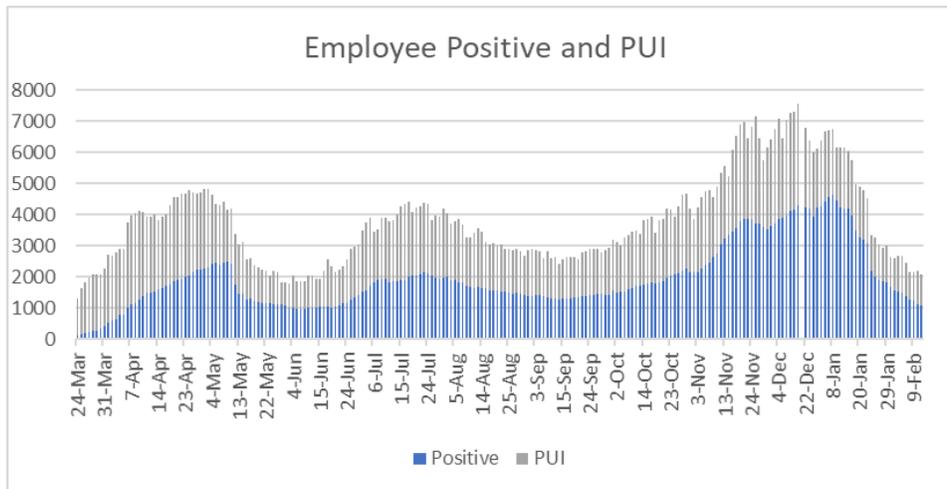
Daily Status of VHA's 300K+ Employees

Self-Reported Employee Data

| Self-Report | Number | Change 24 Hours |
|------------------------------------|--------|-----------------|
| Employees Positive (Self-Reported) | 1,084 | -42 |
| Employees Deceased* | 128 | +1 |
| Clinical Staff Unable to Work | 1,069 | -52 |
| Non-Clinical Staff Unable to Work | 693 | -49 |

*Some employees are Veterans and also captured in the Veteran deceased data

Table 4. VHA COVID-19 PUI & Positive Employees



VA Employee Surveillance Data

(Only available for employees who are tested or treated by VA)

| Surveillance | Number | Change 24 Hours |
|-------------------------------------|--------|-----------------|
| Employees with positive test result | 18,303 | +22 |
| Active | 305 | +13 |
| Convalescent | 17,998 | +9 |

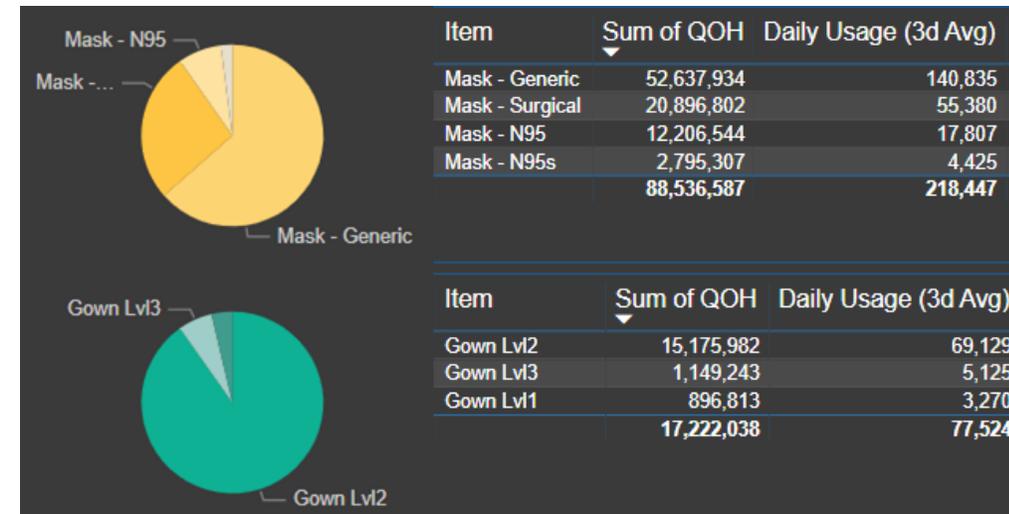
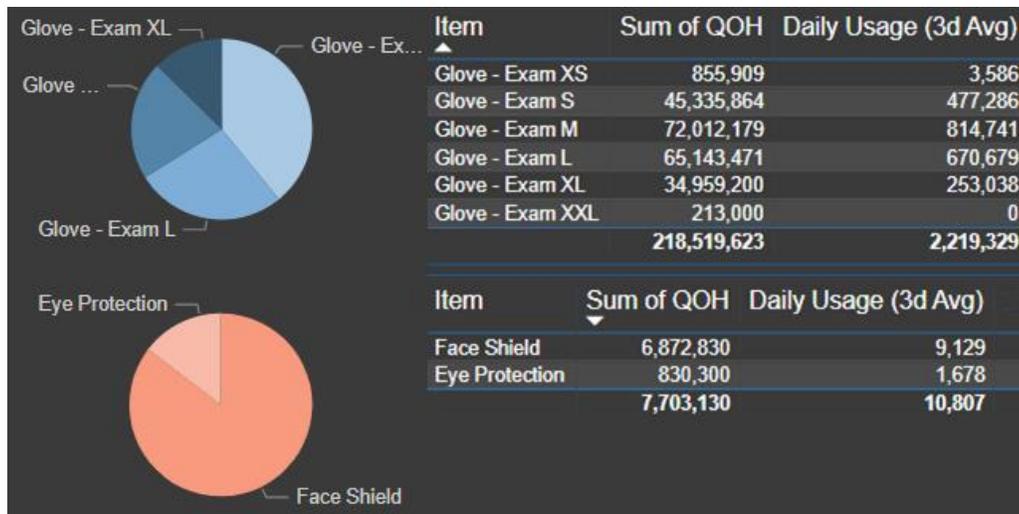
Note: Employees who were tested and treated by VA are likely also counted in the self-reported numbers provided by each facility.

Summary of VA Workforce Capability

- Anecdotally, the vast majority of VHA facilities are reporting no significant problems regarding staffing.
- VA has activated the Disaster Emergency Medical Personnel System (DEMPS) to deploy existing personnel to reinforce existing staff levels at facilities where needed.
- VA is continuing to recruit and onboard personnel.
- VHA follows CDC guidance on identifying personnel who are at high risk for exposure to COVID-19 and the CDC PPE protocol.

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VHA Supply Levels



- Chart shows supply item, Quantity on Hand (QOH) and current 3-day average usage for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) nationally.
- VA is adequately equipped with essential PPE and supplies, and monitors the status of those items daily. VA has begun shipping bulk supplies to facilities with requests or cross-leveling supplies within VISNs as needed.

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IMPORTANT NOTE

Due to the rapidly evolving nature of the COVID-19 response, information is confirmed as of 7:00pm EST the day prior to submission. Methodology is subject to change.

