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Office of Secretary of Veterans & Defense Affairs
COVID19 Posture: UPDATE #5
(23MAY-05JUN2020)**

Office of Secretary of Veterans & Defense Affairs:

- Maintained key support and leadership role in Virginia Emergency Operations Center;
- Coordinated Governor's request to extend Title 32 orders for Virginia National Guardsmen responding to COVID-19. Received Presidential approval for extension until August 21, 2020;
- Briefed CODEL staff on status of Virginia National Guard and Dept. of Veterans Services' operations;
- Attended Commonwealth Memorial Day Virtual Ceremony at the Va. War Memorial and placed flags at state veterans cemetery to honor the fallen;
- Participated in strategy development for Commonwealth COVID-19 testing operations;
- Engaged with Association of Defense Communities (ADC) to attend webinars focused on how the COVID-19 pandemic is being covered by journalists in the media and how defense communities must work together to ensure stronger partnerships during post-pandemic recovery;

Virginia Department of Military Affairs:

- Deployed 34th CBRNE Enhanced Response Force Package (CERF-P) teams across the Commonwealth to support expanded COVID testing and point prevalence operations, PPE and decontamination coaching. Fulfilled mission assignments requested through emergency management process, to include logistics support, planning, mobile testing assistance and medical planning;
 - **29,042** point prevalence testing samples conducted across **74** locations;
 - **4,876** Community-based test samples collected at **21** locations;
 - **33,007** test samples transported to multiple lab locations;
 - **2,768** N95/PPE fittings;
 - **237,995** pounds of food distributed.

*All numbers are cumulative as of 05 0730 June 2020.
- Continued planning and preparation with Virginia Department of Health (VDH) to coordinate support to the Governor's Long-Term Care Facility Task Force;
- Responded to Governor's Declarations of Emergency for localities requesting assistance with local protests by providing support to civil law enforcement agencies:
 - Elements provided support in Richmond, Virginia Beach, Lynchburg, and Roanoke.
 - Guardsmen trained in non-lethal site security and crowd control were located to support these local law enforcement agencies and Virginia State Police.

Virginia Department of Veterans Services (DVS):

- Hosted the 64th Commonwealth Memorial Day Ceremony at the Virginia War Memorial:
 - This was the first live-streamed/virtual event, combining a small on-site ceremony (placing of Memorial Wreath, Playing of TAPS, etc.) with pre-recorded content, including a special message by Governor Northam and rifle salutes by veterans service organization honor guards and the playing of TAPS at the three state veterans cemeteries;
 - Avail at: https://www.facebook.com/pg/VirginiaWarMemorial/videos/?ref=page_internal
- Continued planning for the 2020 Virtual Virginia Women Veterans Summit June 17-19, 2020. To learn more and register, visit <https://host.regform.com/virginiawomenveteranssummit/>.
- Continued to work with the Virginia Chamber of Commerce to plan the 2020 Virginia Veterans & Military Affairs Conference on August 19, 2020. The conference will be virtual this year.

Mental Health & Well Being Resources

- **Virginia Department of Veterans Services: State Website:** <https://www.dvs.virginia.gov/>
“Virginia Veterans & Family Support Program”: 1-877-285-1299
- **Military One Source: Non-Medical Counseling Resources:**
<https://www.militaryonesource.mil/confidential-help/non-medical-counseling/military-onesource/military-onesource-counseling-the-essentials>.
- **Telehealth Opportunities with the Veterans Health Administration:**
 - Overview of Telehealth Process for eligible Veterans: <https://telehealth.va.gov/>
 - VA Video Connect: <https://mobile.va.gov/app/va-video-connect#AppFAQ>
 - All VA Health Apps: <https://mobile.va.gov/appstore>
 - To learn more, call the VA’s 311 Information at 1-844-698-2311

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**.

Office of the Governor

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

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Office of the Secretary of Veterans & Defense Affairs:

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

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