



Service Officer Update Jan 2021

Chillicothe VA Medical Center:

Dec 31

Change in Inpatient Flow

New patients requiring acute medical care will be transferred to Dayton VAMC, Wright Patterson Air Force Base Medical Center and Cincinnati VAMC as capacity and medical need dictate. Please contact the Public Affairs Office at 740-773-1141, extension 7080, if you have any questions or concerns.

VA Central Ohio Healthcare System:

Dec 31

Last week VA Central Ohio Healthcare System (VACOCHCS) received its first shipment of 1,000 Moderna COVID-19 vaccines and immediately began vaccinating healthcare personnel. The first group of Veterans we will contact for the COVID vaccine will be those who are at highest risk of severe Coronavirus-related complications due to either age or health conditions. After our highest-risk Veterans have had an opportunity to receive the vaccine we will begin contacting others in the following weeks and months.

VA administers over 146,000 COVID-19 vaccine doses to date

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced today it has administered initial COVID-19 vaccine doses to more than 14,000 Veterans at high risk of getting COVID-19 infection, and more than 132,000 health care employees as of Jan. 4

Use this link to sign up for weekly email VA updates: [U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs \(govdelivery.com\)](https://www.govdelivery.com)

VFW Magazine, Jan 21

Gulf War Illness Cause Still Elusive: Some 30 years after the Gulf War researchers are still not able to pinpoint the cause of the Gulf War Syndrome. For more info go to www.vfw.org/assistance/va-claims-separation-benefits or contact a VFW service Officer

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