



## COVID-19 at VOA Chesapeake

**May 26, 2022**

On May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, the CIC received multiple calls from residents at the VOA Chesapeake facility located in Baltimore, MD - alleging an outbreak of COVID-19 within the facility. VOA residents reported that individuals were moved from a unit without known COVID cases to a unit with known COVID cases. Residents also reported a lack of testing, and they stated that several people were released to home confinement after contracting COVID. According to the Bureau of Prison's COVID tracking website, there are currently no reported COVID cases at VOA Chesapeake.

The CIC contacted the BOP, who reported that there was no COVID outbreak at VOA Chesapeake, and that individuals were not moved from a unit without known COVID cases to a unit with known COVID cases. The BOP confirmed two recent COVID positive cases: one on home confinement, and the other sent home on medical furlough after testing positive. Residents housed with the COVID positive resident were placed on medical furlough. The BOP reported that since the beginning of the pandemic, VOA Chesapeake has instituted advanced cleaning protocols; designated an area for quarantined residents who are not able to receive medical furloughs or travel off-site; and established a COVID mitigation plan, which is monitored by their Re-Entry Services Division (RSD).

The BOP also reported that VOA secured 200 rapid tests from Baltimore and DC Health Department and were set to begin testing residents on Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. The CIC received a call on May 25<sup>th</sup> confirming that resident testing is underway.

The CIC will continue to monitor all concerns from VOA Chesapeake. We encourage residents and loved ones to contact the CIC with any additional insight or information.