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As a precautionary measure in limiting transmission of the corona virus, the Department of Veterans Affairs has banned all non-essential travel for its employees.

After speaking with VA Central Office today, we learned that our medical site surveys will be temporarily suspended effective immediately until further notice. Visitors will be limited to all VAMC's.

Upon entering a VAMC, each employee and visitor will be screened for the corona virus. Elective admissions including annual examinations will be canceled and rescheduled. Veterans scheduled for annuals will be screened to determine if urgent admission is necessary. If feasible, VA outpatient clinic appointments will be rescheduled to telehealth appointments.

Veterans should contact their local VAMC for questions regarding appointments and admission. Medical Services will continue to work with PVA service officers, veterans, and VA staff to address veterans' health care needs.

The VA expects to resume normal operations within 60 days. We expect an update by then and will notify you of changes. *Please contact VBD or Medical Services for questions and concerns.*

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