

**VA Health Care:**

- Per the VA Health Care Website: Call your [VA medical center](#) before going to a clinic, urgent care, or emergency room, especially if you have symptoms of fever, cough and shortness of breath. Calling first helps us protect you, medical staff, and other patients. Ask your VA health care team about the option of care by phone or video instead of an in-person visit. We also ask that visitors who feel unwell postpone their visits to VA facilities.
- If you are enrolled in VA Health Care and have access to a smart phone or computer, learn more about the VA Video Connect available now: <https://mobile.va.gov/app/va-video-connect>

**Veterans' Chapter 115 Benefits and Veterans Service Officer Contact**

- Veterans can still access and apply for Chapter 115 benefits, which will be a crucial financial opportunity for many Veterans and their families. Folks can review their eligibility [here](#) and get their Veterans' Service Officers contact information [here](#).

**State Emergency Phone Numbers for Veterans**

- Veteran's Crisis Line: 1-800-273-8255
- MA Dept of Veteran's Services S.A.V.E. Team: 1-888-844-2838
- Homeless Veteran Hotline: 1-888-866-2838

**Agawam and Winchendon Veterans' Cemetery**

- Per the Massachusetts Department of Veterans Services: In the interest of public health and the safety of our community, starting tomorrow, Tuesday, March 17, 2020, all committal services at the Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemeteries in Agawam and Winchendon will be suspended until further notice.
  - Interments and burials will continue; however, no committal services or volunteer firing detail will be held or provided. All interments will be direct burials only.
  - Out of an abundance of caution, the administrative office will be closed to visitors and guests, but our staff will be on hand to respond to phone calls and emails.
  - For additional information please contact: MVMC Agawam: 413-821-9500  
MVMC Winchendon: 978-297-9501

**Organizational Support (Folks may not qualify for any or all programs/grants or they may not be accessible in your area)**

Military Friends Foundation- Military Friends Foundation offers grant programs and community empowerment events in support of families who have faced hardships related to military service

- <https://www.militaryfriends.org>
- [Grant Assistance Programs](#)

Massachusetts Military Support Foundation- MA Military Support Foundation provides programs, services and goods that help satisfy critical needs and enhance the well-being and quality of life for Massachusetts Active Duty Military, National Guard, Coast Guard, Veterans and their families.

- <https://massmilitarysupportfoundation.org>

American Legion Dept. of MA:

- For any Veteran needing assistance, the best way to contact The American Legion would be by phone at 617-727-2966

Disabled American Veterans Dept. of MA:

- For benefits or general information, please contact Jesse Flynn, Benefits Protection Chair, at [Jflynn@davma.org](mailto:Jflynn@davma.org) or at 617-816-8055

Marine Corps League Dept. of MA:

- For any questions, please contact Warren Griffin, National Junior Vice Commandant, at [wgriffin@mcleague.org](mailto:wgriffin@mcleague.org).

Veterans of Foreign Wars MA Dept:

- For general information from the VFW, please call 617-727-2612
- For benefits and claims, please call 617-303-5688