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Director Allen:

The *News Review* reported today that five patients and two staff members at the Roseburg VA Health Care System (RVAHCS) have tested positive for COVID-19. Please confirm this information and provide detailed answers to the following questions:

1. How many active positive cases of COVID-19 does RVAHCS currently have among patients and staff?
2. How long has RVAHCS known about these current active positive cases?
3. What is the total number of patients and staff who have tested positive for COVID-19 at RVAHCS since the start of the pandemic in Oregon (February 28, 2020)?
4. What protocols do you have in place to:
 - a. Test and screen staff and patients at your facilities?
 - b. Protect both patients and staff from further spread related to these current positive cases?
 - c. Prevent any future outbreaks of COVID-19 at RVAHCS?
5. What is the average turnaround time for the COVID-19 tests that RVAHCS conducts for patients and staff?
6. Does RVAHCS currently have the personal protective equipment (PPE), COVID-19 testing supplies, and all other medical supplies and equipment it needs to tackle this outbreak and prevent the infection from spreading? If not, what supplies do you lack and have you requested the supplies you need?
7. Is RVAHCS conducting contact tracing to limit or prevent the possibility of additional positive cases stemming from the current positive cases?

Thank you for responding immediately to my request. Please note my wishes for a speedy and full recovery to all the individuals who have tested positive.

Sincerely,

Peter A. DeFazio
Member of Congress

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