



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

287 West Street

Rocky Hill, Connecticut 06067

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To all DVA Staff and Veterans:

All of us at the Department of Veterans' Affairs are committed to improving the health of our staff and veterans. We also know that smoking is a health hazard. Therefore, to promote good health and create a healthy environment for all, the Department of Veterans' Affairs will adopt a campus-wide, tobacco-free policy effective June 1, 2014. This policy means that employees, veterans, visitors, vendors and contractors are prohibited from using tobacco products anywhere inside Department of Veterans' Affairs buildings, DVA parking lots, DVA grounds as well as all other state property.

As a health care agency, one of our primary missions is to protect the health of those in our community while promoting a culture of healthier living. Over the course of the next several months, more information and details about our tobacco-free campus will become available.

I look forward to working with all of you towards this crucial goal, and I am confident we can accomplish this mission together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda S. Schwartz".

Linda S. Schwartz, RN, DrPH, FAAN
Commissioner