

# **VA** coronavirus chatbot

An interactive digital tool designed to quickly answer Veterans' top questions









## **THE PROBLEM**

Veterans need answers quickly during the coronavirus pandemic. But increased call volumes to VA contact centers led to frustrating hold times for Veterans, staffing challenges for VA, and delayed access to clinical advice for callers with urgent health care needs.

## THE SOLUTION

In partnership with the Office of Community Care and the Veterans Experience Office, the Digital Experience Product Office within OIT launched an interactive chatbot to better serve Veterans' increased need for information and services during the coronavirus pandemic.



#### **CHATBOT FEATURES**

In partnership with Veterans, we researched, designed, and built a digital experience that directs users to information and services without requiring a phone call.

# **Basic symptom checking**

Access to a coronavirus symptom self-checker tool, aligned with the latest CDC advice

## **Veteran-focused Frequently Asked Questions**

Information about how Veterans can access VA health care and other benefits and services during this time

# **Need-specific contact information**

Clear direction to help Veterans connect quickly with someone to talk more about their specific needs

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