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| **[COVID 19 UPDATE - VIRGINIA NEWS](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fboard%2Fcontent%2Fenterprise%2Fvccscovid19update%2Ftag%2F4b9f3c4c-42b4-42bf-9934-1de381779cfa&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Ca136fbaaf51e4b2a828508d8b8cfba6e%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637462549613213809%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=EoEepBDAOLQSlzhHXM2kaRQxnV%2BT4VSfe3lpRCnLHq0%3D&reserved=0" \t "_blank)** |  |

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| [**TODAY: Northam COVID-19 update focusing on vaccine prioritization, school guidance & inauguration security**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_177028c5605%3A4288dd%3A688a6626&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Ca136fbaaf51e4b2a828508d8b8cfba6e%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637462549613283768%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=vO4IV5i7aLa6oo8N0InvXnGFtk6WCkKoXS56W29mJbo%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [8News](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.wric.com%2Fnews%2Fvirginia-news%2Ftoday-northam-covid-19-update-focusing-on-vaccine-prioritization-school-guidance-inauguration-security%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Ca136fbaaf51e4b2a828508d8b8cfba6e%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637462549613283768%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=iLjdg8zu5SmajEy%2BBRBbwW0CvFdaLv42ODV3yIyJUGo%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| * On Monday, the president of the Virginia Education Association called on all public schools to move to all virtual instruction until staff members have been vaccinated against COVID-19.
* (WRIC) — Gov. Ralph Northam is holding a press conference today at 2 p.m. where he is expected to give an update on COVID-19 vaccinations, guidance for k-12 schools and security measures in advance of the Presidential Inauguration.
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| [**Virginia Employment Commission**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_17702796fd5%3A41148a%3A688a6626&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Ca136fbaaf51e4b2a828508d8b8cfba6e%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637462549613283768%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=n9xiOMQAMzwbX8nLB6vHCgPREn7OLkvMBOmKvtuq628%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [Virginia](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.vec.virginia.gov%2FUI-press-release&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Ca136fbaaf51e4b2a828508d8b8cfba6e%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637462549613293767%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=KezgbsQtZUWTKdujA3fyXxpheFFxIuJBFpPlahfWzb0%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| * The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 1,151,015 in the week ending January 9, an increase of 231,335 (or 25.2 percent) from the previous week.
* Nationwide, in the week ending January 9, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted initial claims was 965,000, an increase of 181,000 from the previous week's revised level.
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| [**Over 5,200 COVID-19 cases reported in Va. | Positivity rate decreases to 15.5%**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_177026819c1%3A4290f5%3Ac3a04210&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Ca136fbaaf51e4b2a828508d8b8cfba6e%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637462549613293767%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=eNCccJZ7V6pefeDOksSkI7%2FB0XH6INGlIloCx%2F5QiTU%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [https://www.nbc12.com](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.nbc12.com%2F2021%2F01%2F13%2Fover-covid-cases-reported-va-positivity-rate-decreases%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Ca136fbaaf51e4b2a828508d8b8cfba6e%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637462549613303761%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=U4UzQjgZkRC64hqb5bDS4L1HA%2BDjf8CRd%2Bq5favhkeI%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [“Based on a World Health Organization analysis, 10% (or less) was the goal to shoot for. If 10% of PCR tests among symptomatic or high-risk individuals were positive, then we were conducting enough testing to find stray cases that couldn’t be found through contact tracing,” the health department said.](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_177026819c1%3A4290f5%3Ac3a04210&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Ca136fbaaf51e4b2a828508d8b8cfba6e%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637462549613303761%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=OHOpkzJU0PMKNB%2B3Xv1JgRC%2ByB5kyCIj4xdBJeN7o7Q%3D&reserved=0)  |  |

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| [Jebbit](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fvdh.jebbit.com%2Famkwk6m1&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Ca136fbaaf51e4b2a828508d8b8cfba6e%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637462549613313750%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=t4%2B9P%2FWyjgTK4yDLU%2FxQY9lpJzZ3FKvmUz8Q1Fxnq%2F8%3D&reserved=0) / VDH |  |
| [When Can I Get Vaccinated?](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_177025795d4%3A3f2a43%3A19524c22&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Ca136fbaaf51e4b2a828508d8b8cfba6e%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637462549613323745%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=O0FjXntld1W5rjKdCSnmTB5%2FZ3zwPjIZL5vSunZT9WQ%3D&reserved=0)[Find out which phase of the vaccination campaign you fall in.](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_177025795d4%3A3f2a43%3A19524c22&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Ca136fbaaf51e4b2a828508d8b8cfba6e%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637462549613323745%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=O0FjXntld1W5rjKdCSnmTB5%2FZ3zwPjIZL5vSunZT9WQ%3D&reserved=0)[While the vaccine supply is limited, COVID-19 vaccine will be offered in phases. People who are more likely to have severe COVID-19 illness and workers that are essential to the functioning of society will be offered the vaccine in the earlier phases.](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_177025795d4%3A3f2a43%3A19524c22&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Ca136fbaaf51e4b2a828508d8b8cfba6e%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637462549613323745%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=O0FjXntld1W5rjKdCSnmTB5%2FZ3zwPjIZL5vSunZT9WQ%3D&reserved=0) |  |

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| [**Va. sees highest number of initial jobless claims since July 2020 | Virginia Business**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fs9CTgOD2rBeTJKl68FD0GbsxW6yVPw0NK2yeedQsWnQ%3D_17702222466%3A3a9431%3Aac593a16&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Ca136fbaaf51e4b2a828508d8b8cfba6e%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637462549613323745%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=lCD%2BTFXVpKYSN5GXbq39vkTlh9b86eKjL9PDIEvGsdQ%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [Virginia Business](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.virginiabusiness.com%2Farticle%2Fva-sees-highest-number-of-initial-jobless-claims-since-july-2020%2F%3Foly_enc_id%3D0462E7083134D7T&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Ca136fbaaf51e4b2a828508d8b8cfba6e%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637462549613333749%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=%2BX4UdOms83Fyu5Tlnb4y%2FhkV7Kn1XapF1qYhlfkisrA%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| * During the week ending Jan. 9, 28,227 Virginians filed initial claims, which was an increase of 8,697 from the previous week.
* Last week, more than 28,000 Virginians filed initial unemployment claims — a 44.5% jump from the previous week.
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| [**Governor Northam Delivers State of the Commonwealth Address**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fs9CTgOD2rBeTJKl68FD0GbsxW6yVPw0NK2yeedQsWnQ%3D_177013fced0%3A27eb23%3Ae3555b80&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Ca136fbaaf51e4b2a828508d8b8cfba6e%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637462549613333749%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=vxxaEwFV5TDb%2BA1N3egfbkJMZSr3RUysg1tk6EExRlw%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [Virginia](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.governor.virginia.gov%2Fnewsroom%2Fall-releases%2F2021%2Fjanuary%2Fheadline-891383-en.html&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Ca136fbaaf51e4b2a828508d8b8cfba6e%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637462549613343739%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=4fa91iySX2unNM6vlUvnwjj019vpUF5ZPgcWmnkf5CY%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| * We need to talk about who we are as a state, what we believe in, and the actions we’re taking to live out our values.
* Now it’s time to take further steps, because the pandemic has highlighted the need to modernize the way we fund public health in Virginia.
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| [**Dr. Fauci, Gov. Northam discuss COVID-19 vaccines, dispel myths**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_176f32146f4%3A121ebc8%3A19524c22&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Ca136fbaaf51e4b2a828508d8b8cfba6e%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637462549613343739%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=JNv9xBRp%2BlI5XRFct%2FNDXZz6jvpqj8dUXPBGIUpKkPg%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [WTKR](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.wtkr.com%2Fhomepage-showcase%2Fdr-fauci-northam-discuss-covid-19-vaccines-dispel-myths&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Ca136fbaaf51e4b2a828508d8b8cfba6e%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637462549613353730%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=HGeBS0WSMZ2W%2FKFAydwt2%2FoM2SbTWc15ZmBKovv2c4M%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| * “If we want to crush this outbreak, we’ve got to get the overwhelming majority of the United States population to get vaccinated, including - and I might say specifically - Black and brown people,” Dr. Fauci said.
* Northam said the COVID-19 vaccine is key to controlling the virus.
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| [**How COVID is stressing court systems and its impact on Virginians**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fa7ygYK4H%2BO92hOf1WNl7nib1addh8vp%2BrvFuRIia7o8%3D_176e005090b%3A6add36c%3A83b8064d&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Ca136fbaaf51e4b2a828508d8b8cfba6e%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637462549613353730%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=WPEZwSbJyO5lL7mmul1IAkaLEp%2Bk4NqxSLV8jm1ftSA%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [8News](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.wric.com%2Fnews%2Flocal-news%2Fhow-covid-is-stressing-court-systems-and-its-impact-on-virginians%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Ca136fbaaf51e4b2a828508d8b8cfba6e%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637462549613363723%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=dgS5PVheKCDVV2Bk%2F2h93VoHa%2FwM08iTTj0LQtvZC4Q%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| * From the moment the virus struck central Virginia in mid-March, courthouses have been forced to temporarily close, limit capacities, limit who's allowed in, and, in some cases, temporarily halt allowing jury trials.
* Local defense attorney Russ Stone, who represents people all around Central Virginia, said the pandemic's effects are creating significant backlogs.
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| [**5 ways Va. can put people back to work and transform higher education**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FPJWScc%2F4lkEqQ6JyrrO1ZjVBLh6YO03KX5MqTz5ah0A%3D_176e34bd5d5%3A71815ab%3A7c281fd8&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Ca136fbaaf51e4b2a828508d8b8cfba6e%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637462549613363723%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=V1eEYLjHMjsCQcnKGrjXNGJQqDAaEZ%2BN5QomRvO7vmQ%3D&reserved=0) |  |
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| * As president of Northern Virginia Community College and senior vice chancellor of the Virginia Community College System, we know all too well the struggles facing our communities and what needs to be done to support more people in moving off the economic sidelines and into skill-building that leads to quality jobs and careers.
* Yet, despite a record spike in unemployment and a broadly held view among working-age Americans that more education and training will help them get a good job, the number of people — both young and old — pursuing a postsecondary credential or degree sharply decreased this fall.
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| [**Colleges in Virginia should do more COVID-19 testing to stop transmission, experts say**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fs9CTgOD2rBeTJKl68FD0GbsxW6yVPw0NK2yeedQsWnQ%3D_176f1cd3562%3A10c0c97%3A7bccb3fc&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Ca136fbaaf51e4b2a828508d8b8cfba6e%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637462549613373716%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=Red1O6O8l7HxVpAspDewY4Koq6FHf2ygS1leCCiTJuo%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [Roanoke Times](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Froanoke.com%2Fnews%2Feducation%2Fcolleges-in-virginia-should-do-more-covid-19-testing-to-stop-transmission-experts-say%2Farticle_58e22012-4920-11eb-94cc-137442026185.html&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Ca136fbaaf51e4b2a828508d8b8cfba6e%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637462549613383714%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=aRl3xQqU7bqgkudpJi1N2yO%2BKho8JDbUwI2cbcmwqgY%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| * Tim Miller, vice president for student affairs at JMU, said that in the fall “the test option we had was two days to get a result.”
* This semester, thanks to the state, JMU plans to conduct 6,400 rapid tests — with a 15-minute turnaround — as on-campus students arrive.
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| [**COVID relief, marijuana legalization key in 2021 session**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fs9CTgOD2rBeTJKl68FD0GbsxW6yVPw0NK2yeedQsWnQ%3D_176f1cc6260%3A1059ef4%3A19524c22&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Ca136fbaaf51e4b2a828508d8b8cfba6e%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637462549613383714%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=ZmyJMtCMcYpl1WrdFy0LHh2nBphf5a34g4JR8SpU54s%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [AP NEWS](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fapnews.com%2Farticle%2Fvirginia-marijuana-legalization-coronavirus-pandemic-marijuana-b7fb1cbdad924cb56d33607db61c9fb9&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Ca136fbaaf51e4b2a828508d8b8cfba6e%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637462549613393712%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=4rW81K57s0Sr5cy38JX1yNnbU5%2FHBRUqd6C2rOAzWBg%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| * (AP) — Virginia lawmakers are set to start this year’s legislative session focused on COVID-19 relief efforts and legalizing marijuana.
* It’s unclear if there are enough votes for the measure to pass, but lawmakers in both parties have been more open to marijuana issues, and the state decriminalized the drug last year.
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| [**Regulators want to extend Virginia’s expiring pandemic workplace safety rules - Virginia Mercury**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fs9CTgOD2rBeTJKl68FD0GbsxW6yVPw0NK2yeedQsWnQ%3D_176f1cbb4a4%3A1047c41%3A2d6a6c5c&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Ca136fbaaf51e4b2a828508d8b8cfba6e%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637462549613393712%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=L7QnItjWbgAZeNrj25jPjlEBy5Q%2BEvwcK50Fh6dQw1k%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [Virginia Mercury](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.virginiamercury.com%2F2021%2F01%2F11%2Fregulators-push-to-extend-virginias-expiring-pandemic-workplace-safety-rules%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Ca136fbaaf51e4b2a828508d8b8cfba6e%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637462549613403702%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=lbMtNMQRqGsPpQ0lrUUrF6RONI4hR5lMif%2FkyLhD%2F9c%3D&reserved=0) |  |
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| Virginia was the first state in the country to mandate emergency workplace precautions against COVID-19 this summer. Now, with the temporary rules set to expire, state officials are weighing whether to make them permanent.[**COVID 19 UPDATE - NATIONAL NEWS**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fboard%2Fcontent%2Fenterprise%2Fvccscovid19update%2Ftag%2F0f68eda4-2573-46f6-8be9-71d09e2f03fe&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Ca136fbaaf51e4b2a828508d8b8cfba6e%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637462549613083884%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=KTWWy8rEE8cCz1rCMOjMb8yF4Ld3%2FxZy2a7m0OYwSsA%3D&reserved=0) |

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| [**U.S. Unemployment Claims Rise as Pandemic Weighs on Economy**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_17702650074%3A403550%3A306ec98e&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Ca136fbaaf51e4b2a828508d8b8cfba6e%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637462549613123864%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=DWPlJSWJEvQxN6tTg2s%2Br0kGPeStis4zr%2FNzIXDtjxg%3D&reserved=0) |
| [WSJ](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.wsj.com%2Farticles%2Fweekly-jobless-claims-coronavirus-01-14-2021-11610573648&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Ca136fbaaf51e4b2a828508d8b8cfba6e%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637462549613133862%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=m%2B%2BBin16gK6V9EhBXCN%2Fa0mL61Nu9FchR43cdU0pdm4%3D&reserved=0) |
| [Worker filings for initial jobless claims jumped to nearly one million last week, indicating rising layoffs amid a surge in Covid-19 cases at the start of the year. The number of applications for unemployment benefits, a proxy for layoffs, rose by 181,000 to 965,000 last week, the Labor Department said Thursday.](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_17702650074%3A403550%3A306ec98e&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Ca136fbaaf51e4b2a828508d8b8cfba6e%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637462549613133862%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=kYycU2a05XR9I0Pz9d7FuXzhaZJYX%2FdIZTufHlJEjmU%3D&reserved=0)  |

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| [**CDC Requires COVID-19 Test From Air Passengers Entering The U.S.**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FsADHxtZ%2FiQmNqUemqKPsHsrALS27IXrQCntkDFMbl00%3D_176f916e595%3Af5d3d%3A7c281fd8&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Ca136fbaaf51e4b2a828508d8b8cfba6e%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637462549613143851%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=yaWhtps8r2lJJZfjPokGKya94HQFpZJe3DYi1N9cwHI%3D&reserved=0) |
| [News : NPR](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.npr.org%2Fsections%2Fcoronavirus-live-updates%2F2021%2F01%2F12%2F956206410%2Fcdc-requires-covid-19-test-from-air-passengers-entering-the-u-s&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Ca136fbaaf51e4b2a828508d8b8cfba6e%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637462549613143851%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=KqH4RXxVV8pTvgFGs0gF5%2B5p6Qu7FksU8hTcANWE31I%3D&reserved=0) |
| [Starting Jan. 26, airlines will only allow people to board if they provide documentation that they tested negative in the preceding three days or have recovered from the disease. (Image credit: Andrew Caballero-Reynolds/AFP via Getty Images)](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FsADHxtZ%2FiQmNqUemqKPsHsrALS27IXrQCntkDFMbl00%3D_176f916e595%3Af5d3d%3A7c281fd8&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Ca136fbaaf51e4b2a828508d8b8cfba6e%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637462549613153844%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=ux7rItiPpxAcQyfYCpVLpgGJzr8i%2FBAOJvPnikuJETw%3D&reserved=0)  |

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| [**Colleges spent millions on COVID-19 expenses this fall, even as sources of income shrank, data show**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fo3SSqIWWG2gYayKaXccfVpg%2FzOCVxn%2FqF9iZLeGk8SI%3D_176f5c05313%3A8a538a9%3A83b8064d&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Ca136fbaaf51e4b2a828508d8b8cfba6e%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637462549613153844%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=%2F8eXUQr68sYR%2FH65jN%2FFg3H4eX5YDdNrz0QT068Dnpk%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [Inside Higher Ed](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.insidehighered.com%2Fnews%2F2021%2F01%2F12%2Fcolleges-spent-millions-covid-19-expenses-fall-even-sources-income-shrank-data-show&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Ca136fbaaf51e4b2a828508d8b8cfba6e%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637462549613163837%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=7W7C6yvArsi2rco41oVfck2w%2Bvs8nrZweiZXZHiH1u8%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| * Three-quarters of 68 institutions that responded to the survey said that COVID-19-related spending in the fall exceeded their expectations.
* Institutions large and small had to cough up money for expenses related to COVID-19 testing, personal protective equipment and online learning resources.
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| [**OPINION: To solve the workforce crisis, America has to invest in child care**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2F7GREM7CplKRZjsJIjPDQXp7LmhRctFTvaXgASsiiVtw%3D_176f6467531%3A7dc9ba1%3A1e82ad8f&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Ca136fbaaf51e4b2a828508d8b8cfba6e%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637462549613163837%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=EQnfYtprzLy2djs2Ul7GoEvDmeVkrkMj%2B%2B7d8Emm4T4%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [The Hechinger Report](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fhechingerreport.org%2Fopinion-to-solve-the-workforce-crisis-america-has-to-invest-in-child-care%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Ca136fbaaf51e4b2a828508d8b8cfba6e%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637462549613173831%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=JXOWSSYs19qfFOcaTp4aQ9b6JySiiawbGy8Q32I47Qw%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| * Without investment by state and federal leaders in child care, millions of American workers and thousands of small businesses will never get back on their feet.
* Thousands of small child care businesses in the United States will lose employees or close their doors forever without federal support.
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| [**Prioritizing a workforce agenda for economic recovery**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_176f2bff40e%3A118f4ed%3A2d6a6c5c&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Ca136fbaaf51e4b2a828508d8b8cfba6e%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637462549613183828%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=LdangN%2FNSoapjras%2F2rLK4CuIPaWMph1GcBo8vdg9IM%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [The Hill](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fthehill.com%2Fopinion%2Ffinance%2F532963-prioritizing-a-workforce-agenda-for-economic-recovery&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Ca136fbaaf51e4b2a828508d8b8cfba6e%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637462549613193823%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=Z%2B%2B7SFKtOeTCBgOnaMjDJ%2BSS27hfS0RdY4uMaiHUrM8%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [Prioritizing a workforce agenda for economic recovery By Marie Kurose and Livia Lam, opinion contributors — 01/07/21 04:30 PM EST The views expressed by contributors are their own and not the view of The Hill](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_176f2bff40e%3A118f4ed%3A2d6a6c5c&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Ca136fbaaf51e4b2a828508d8b8cfba6e%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637462549613193823%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=17WUFmpujvfPrm7opNFUnefgO2RYFtQF9HJfU4e6VS4%3D&reserved=0)  |  |

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| [**Biden to Extend Pause on Student Loan Payments**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fo3SSqIWWG2gYayKaXccfVpg%2FzOCVxn%2FqF9iZLeGk8SI%3D_176f079f6e2%3A82d13c8%3A7c281fd8&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Ca136fbaaf51e4b2a828508d8b8cfba6e%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637462549613193823%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=JmqHNi2OVCWxUDxU15U0GL2r9SgC%2BGW0%2FYAcUZFK2dc%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [Inside Higher Ed](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.insidehighered.com%2Fquicktakes%2F2021%2F01%2F11%2Fbiden-extend-pause-student-loan-payments&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Ca136fbaaf51e4b2a828508d8b8cfba6e%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637462549613203817%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=Zq6GE6ugn1J%2BIzhlIZK0MpdOm%2BJ8lMhEEatuGitiBvQ%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| * As expected, President-elect Joe Biden will, upon taking office Jan. 20, instruct the Education Department to continue the pause excusing student loan borrowers from making payments, a top economic adviser in the incoming administration said.
* Kamin, a New York University law professor, said in a briefing on Biden’s economic plans that the president-elect supports asking Congress to erase $10,000 from the debt of all borrowers.
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| [**Where Campuses Reopened, Covid-19 Cases Spiked. Where Colleges Went Remote, They Declined.**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FpJObj60hhd4Ufvbp8Z4fAm4U%2BG1RmbCaFfwanQquVGk%3D_176e4a66beb%3A67583b6%3A1e82ad8f&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Ca136fbaaf51e4b2a828508d8b8cfba6e%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637462549613203817%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=dOCPsny1D%2F%2F6qt%2FIG9ZZQNFlrQQRRE8aQcBnKLEFaUs%3D&reserved=0) |
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| * Over a six-week period straddling the start of those terms, counties that were home to large colleges that opened for in-person instruction saw a 56-percent increase in coronavirus-case rates, the analysis found.
* Asked if the CDC’s numbers mean that colleges didn’t do enough to prevent cases among their students in the fall, Barrios said she couldn’t answer that question because the study covered only a sliver of America’s colleges.
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