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| |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | February 11, 2021 | | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | **[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%7C7f8483e716504e12ff4208d8cec80032%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637486705680100898%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=t2p5nXBELdNYyT0z7qbApBhU6ZOl5nOZrrXqkU0t%2FvE%3D&reserved=0" \t "_blank)** |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | [**Virginia Issues January 2021 Revenue Report**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_177929785e2%3A442ece%3A8ce3c767&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C7f8483e716504e12ff4208d8cec80032%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637486705680170859%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=fPsrUyQHhzTDElBJcSckDksCHoRXJSb9PoQ2m0TEWmc%3D&reserved=0) |  | | [Virginia](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.governor.virginia.gov%2Fnewsroom%2Fall-releases%2F2021%2Ffebruary%2Fheadline-892653-en.html&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C7f8483e716504e12ff4208d8cec80032%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637486705680180851%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=37qmZNfhNxqDlRGZmJKnbzW8595SnqQ7ReiMBznoOD0%3D&reserved=0) |  | | * General Fund revenue collections down 2.4 percent from previous year and fiscal year-to-date collections up 6.0 percent, broad-based growth occurred in sales tax collections, nonwithholding, recordation, and corporate income tax * On a fiscal year-to-date basis, total revenue collections rose 6.0 percent through January, ahead of the forecasted 1.2 percent growth. |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | [**Virginia Employment Commission**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_1779287e5dc%3A20aa95%3A1a3c5edd&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C7f8483e716504e12ff4208d8cec80032%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637486705680180851%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=uy9nwanzZpRDhbrDV9Kqcy%2FsNiNNosSCNtimgo53xc4%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%7C7f8483e716504e12ff4208d8cec80032%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637486705680190845%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=%2BCQxAgmMVb5T%2F8CtLCIqCzaK0XqQlMgZIeVEYp9Fv88%3D&reserved=0) |  | | * RICHMOND—The Virginia Employment Commission (VEC) announced that the number of initial claims filed during the February 6 filing week continued its recent trend toward lower, pre-holiday season levels, according to figures released today. * The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 813,145 in the week ending February 6, a decrease of 36,534 (or -4.3 percent) from the previous week. |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | [**Virginia Feb. 11 COVID-19 update: 3,699 new cases, 26 new deaths; CVS vaccinations start Friday**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_177923a41af%3A38d6b0%3A7b17b0cf&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C7f8483e716504e12ff4208d8cec80032%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637486705680190845%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=3nzv11o%2FVbPJh9RQds7RT0Qtb3R4Mv2bvc9HnnL05fE%3D&reserved=0) |  | | [WAVY.com](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.wavy.com%2Fnews%2Fhealth%2Fcoronavirus%2Fvirginia-feb-11-covid-19-update-3699-new-cases-26-new-deaths-cvs-vaccinations-start-friday%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C7f8483e716504e12ff4208d8cec80032%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637486705680200839%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=pvLKxDRfQ0nQP21Kaf8q20ASvU%2BYA16DC8D2lpC6%2FYw%3D&reserved=0) |  | | * (WAVY) — Virginia reported 3,699 new coronavirus cases on Thursday, the highest one-day increase this week, but still within the range of Virginia’s daily case average for the last 7 days. * New deaths ( +26, 6,932 total), trending up overall (44 per day 7-day average ) |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | [**Health expert says ‘mistrust’ could be leading to racial gap in COVID-19 vaccinations in Virginia**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fa7ygYK4H%2BO92hOf1WNl7nib1addh8vp%2BrvFuRIia7o8%3D_1779103053b%3A3d8142%3Ac87f1c9b&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C7f8483e716504e12ff4208d8cec80032%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637486705680200839%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=g3AQ5mJr7uvkrDHxWHHJb%2B5xiHFGLXMgJq0EGVl4wYE%3D&reserved=0) |  | | [8News](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.wric.com%2Fnews%2Fvirginia-news%2Fhealth-expert-says-mistrust-could-be-leading-to-racial-gap-in-covid-19-vaccinations-in-virginia%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C7f8483e716504e12ff4208d8cec80032%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637486705680210835%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=lJVD%2Bf%2BRbT5GgrQMD5Olf0pg4JgJs5iFr3yfgkmFFz0%3D&reserved=0) |  | | * According to data from the Virginia Department of Health, out of the total 926,772 shots given, only 93,022 have gone into the arms of Black people, compared to 547,049 vaccine doses that White people have received. * Dr. Cheryl Ivey Green, who serves on the African American Advisory Board in Virginia, says mistrust and safety concerns are among two of the issues leading to this racial gap. |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | [**Editorial: A full embrace of the G3 program**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fs9CTgOD2rBeTJKl68FD0GbsxW6yVPw0NK2yeedQsWnQ%3D_1779196a997%3A2f0c84%3A4f02284f&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C7f8483e716504e12ff4208d8cec80032%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637486705680210835%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=V5JLscjGnah8pRJ9bIL69UmV3PubuQbwibTIvDpse54%3D&reserved=0) |  | | [Richmond Times-Dispatch](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Frichmond.com%2Fopinion%2Feditorial%2Feditorial-a-full-embrace-of-the-g3-program%2Farticle_4dfc3ffe-d540-5c62-a2a4-423fd779b4e2.html&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C7f8483e716504e12ff4208d8cec80032%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637486705680220834%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=FDllD0uQz2eHz4vbw19K7cWS7iHNrGgv1d%2BUtIB0%2FGY%3D&reserved=0) |  | | * When CNBC ranked Virginia the best state for business in 2019, the commonwealth also earned No. 1 rankings in two subcategories: education and workforce readiness. * When COVID-19 first hit Virginia, the societal impact on education and the workforce was instant. |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | [**Governor Northam, Governor Hogan, and Mayor Bowser Request Federal Support to Vaccinate Essential Federal Employees**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_1778df9844f%3Aac8f2%3A1a3c5edd&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C7f8483e716504e12ff4208d8cec80032%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637486705680220834%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=TuZfjO7uZtdFs2BOF%2Bx3emK4WMlqhPifrXtrPoaRSX4%3D&reserved=0) |  | | [Virginia](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.governor.virginia.gov%2Fnewsroom%2Fall-releases%2F2021%2Ffebruary%2Fheadline-892626-en.html&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C7f8483e716504e12ff4208d8cec80032%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637486705680230821%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=1wZd9STjp2yYrbXqro8GrLncJuTVejmSIptjdBPx4jw%3D&reserved=0) |  | | * RICHMOND —Today, Virginia Governor Ralph Northam, Maryland Governor Larry Hogan, and Washington, D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser sent a letter to the leaders of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Federal Emergency Management Agency requesting increased federal support in administering the COVID-19 vaccines to essential federal employees. * A federally supported and operated vaccination site for all essential federal workers, contractors, and WMATA employees within the National Capital Region; and |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | [**Va. politicians urge state to address how rural health districts with high COVID rates received least amount of vaccines**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fs9CTgOD2rBeTJKl68FD0GbsxW6yVPw0NK2yeedQsWnQ%3D_1778cc53529%3Ab726a%3Aee2bfdde&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C7f8483e716504e12ff4208d8cec80032%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637486705680230821%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=zX3dubuRk5hZjTnz%2FkRSGEE1lbXOIwlxJIKalOF3RG4%3D&reserved=0) |  | | [Richmond Times-Dispatch](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Frichmond.com%2Fnews%2Flocal%2Fva-politicians-urge-state-to-address-how-rural-health-districts-with-high-covid-rates-received%2Farticle_c0673b14-8aaa-5ca3-9e9f-daa5d59ea834.html&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C7f8483e716504e12ff4208d8cec80032%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637486705680240819%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=DTDjFL2SSd4Gd%2FrN5jBfG2N9JuajIoRnCuLYUyUarTw%3D&reserved=0) |  | | [Now, the unaddressed history has seeped into vaccinations. “Since the beginning of the vaccine rollout, I have been vocal about the need to frame our response with an emphasis on equitable distribution,” Aird said in a statement Tuesday.](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fs9CTgOD2rBeTJKl68FD0GbsxW6yVPw0NK2yeedQsWnQ%3D_1778cc53529%3Ab726a%3Aee2bfdde&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C7f8483e716504e12ff4208d8cec80032%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637486705680240819%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=tbXmHnk%2BnSdeGZQ6xsnDYQb8kofjTLbydS4q%2BCKx7X0%3D&reserved=0) |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | [**Virginia launches ‘COVIDWISE Express’ for ‘app-less’ exposure notifications**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fs9CTgOD2rBeTJKl68FD0GbsxW6yVPw0NK2yeedQsWnQ%3D_1778cbf0704%3Ad9b42%3Ac001160d&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C7f8483e716504e12ff4208d8cec80032%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637486705680250811%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=%2Bb0oNsvsqTOic6g8qzncyRdtDIxlY25kxL6f0%2BQTHOY%3D&reserved=0) |  | | [WAVY.com](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.wavy.com%2Fnews%2Fhealth%2Fcoronavirus%2Fvirginia-launches-covidwise-express-for-app-less-exposure-notifications%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C7f8483e716504e12ff4208d8cec80032%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637486705680250811%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=lws%2BMcljLz5C2S15NSEegybFlMUH6RRagdwnZ4GssGE%3D&reserved=0) |  | | * On Tuesday, the Virginia Department of Health announced the launch of “COVIDWISE Express,” an app-less technology that will notify Virginians if they’ve possibly been exposed to COVID-19. * “COVIDWISE Express provides an additional option to help Virginia expand its existing exposure notifications and contact tracing operations without compromising user privacy or security,” said State Health Commissioner M. |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | [**After Registration Confusion, VDH and CVS Switch Course on Vaccines**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fs9CTgOD2rBeTJKl68FD0GbsxW6yVPw0NK2yeedQsWnQ%3D_1778cbe64fa%3Addafd%3A820f10f0&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C7f8483e716504e12ff4208d8cec80032%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637486705680260802%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=QTb2feugMXnmZ8yavVn1s6tXqNkfluhgBTr19uVKc1E%3D&reserved=0) |  | | [VPM.org](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fvpm.org%2Fnews%2Farticles%2F20271%2Fafter-registration-confusion-vdh-and-cvs-switch-course-on-vaccines&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C7f8483e716504e12ff4208d8cec80032%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637486705680260802%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=WIT6dC2iz62Bz4N78e6ZBMuX0A%2FvsJSr0ZKwaKYLTU8%3D&reserved=0) |  | | * Dr. Danny Avula, Virginia’s leading vaccine official, told reporters Tuesday the pharmacy chain CVS will take in any patient 65 and over to get their COVID-19 vaccine, even if that person was not pre-registered to get their shot through the Virginia Department of Health. * Avula said VDH requested that CVS open its registration portal early to allow local health departments throughout Virginia to register people on their waitlists, since the technology had not allowed the department to do it automatically. |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | [**Virginia's unemployment extension program is now active, VEC says 80,000 people are eligible**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fs9CTgOD2rBeTJKl68FD0GbsxW6yVPw0NK2yeedQsWnQ%3D_1778cbc7bac%3Ade4aa%3Add79281&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C7f8483e716504e12ff4208d8cec80032%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637486705680270797%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=2eFwgTxLA6tFQEeibT%2F5b2C9KJM5zfmXOSyJNQg96io%3D&reserved=0) |  | | [13newsnow.com](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.13newsnow.com%2Farticle%2Fnews%2Flocal%2Fvirginia%2Fvirginias-unemployment-extension-program-is-now-active-vec-says-80000-people-are-eligible%2F291-fdcf3f14-858e-4889-968e-dc684f6e9bd5&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C7f8483e716504e12ff4208d8cec80032%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637486705680270797%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=jPE9mioyganTd94XlxQz5%2BSH1fDFHHsC7ek3MfexVak%3D&reserved=0) |  | | * — Virginia's unemployment benefit extension program is now active, and unemployed workers can either file weekly claims for benefits or submit a new application. * The Virginia Employment Commission said payments for new PEUC benefits should be received as early as Thursday. |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | [**COVID roundup: Cases lower, vaccinations rate improves in Va.**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FPJWScc%2F4lkEqQ6JyrrO1ZjVBLh6YO03KX5MqTz5ah0A%3D_1778305bec6%3A14bf5db%3A441f0128&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C7f8483e716504e12ff4208d8cec80032%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637486705680280796%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=f62HBB8WOwkwDUviQShLGXaDGieImnNTGSGG35W53NU%3D&reserved=0) |  | | [Virginia Business](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.virginiabusiness.com%2Farticle%2Fcovid-roundup-cases-lower-vaccinations-rate-improves-in-va%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C7f8483e716504e12ff4208d8cec80032%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637486705680280796%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=SnkM23ZpUf0lflrV%2FVcF%2FOHCzMW7NQzCqxl7u4VAvoY%3D&reserved=0) |  | | * Here in Virginia, the number of new cases and deaths declined over the past week, although two highly contagious variant strains of the coronavirus have been identified in the state. * Over the past week, Virginia recorded 23,185 new COVID-19 cases and 346 deaths, at a 10.2% positivity rate, down more than one percentage point from the previous week, according to VDH. |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | [**'Coming soon': Virginia still doesn't have a website or phone bank to help people find COVID-19 vaccines, despite promises of preparation**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fs9CTgOD2rBeTJKl68FD0GbsxW6yVPw0NK2yeedQsWnQ%3D_17782459c4a%3Aafc8c3%3Aea1bcd5a&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C7f8483e716504e12ff4208d8cec80032%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637486705680290793%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=VMwSSVFdKuGFua%2B27O5pGJlqE6HvfC0tdDmBXJ514%2Bo%3D&reserved=0) |  | | [Richmond Times-Dispatch](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Frichmond.com%2Fnews%2Fstate-and-regional%2Fgovt-and-politics%2Fcoming-soon-virginia-still-doesnt-have-a-website-or-phone-bank-to-help-people-find%2Farticle_13100ce2-a558-57cd-a88d-f8162d2bb60b.html&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C7f8483e716504e12ff4208d8cec80032%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637486705680290793%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=wCdVWrCc5mkWSOT16ejUu6VPKEPupWKsup79uxbvdos%3D&reserved=0) |  | | * The phone bank, Northam said, will connect people to support in dozens of languages. * Northam said those workers would be trained in the coming week to begin serving Virginians. |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | [**Governor Northam Calls on School Divisions to Safely Return Students to Classrooms Statewide**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_17773286e89%3A292685%3Af25356ef&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C7f8483e716504e12ff4208d8cec80032%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637486705680300784%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=go4SGmgOBHR8T93JTTh340wjQnUW5Zkg7%2BW9oSRLEr8%3D&reserved=0) |  | | [Virginia](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.governor.virginia.gov%2Fnewsroom%2Fall-releases%2F2021%2Ffebruary%2Fheadline-892131-en.html&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C7f8483e716504e12ff4208d8cec80032%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637486705680300784%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=%2FH5%2BpwqLnfXPbdgU1lIpXNQGrkaUYdncU4Q5tXVmT28%3D&reserved=0) |  | | * Governor Northam joined Secretary of Education Atif Qarni, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. James Lane, and State Health Commissioner Dr. Norm Oliver, MD, MA in applauding educators for their dedication to navigating a challenging and uncertain year, and highlighting data that show in-person learning is safe with proper mitigation measures in place. * On January 14, 2021, State Superintendent for Public Instruction Dr. James Lane and State Health Commissioner Dr. Norman Oliver, released interim guidance for safely re-opening PreK-12 schools in a letter to school superintendents and local health directors . |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**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%7C7f8483e716504e12ff4208d8cec80032%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637486705679930995%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=SfHxeLkPl7DmzH2VF2Gd6yx1xELx6Sbo1jt8ahz9IvU%3D&reserved=0) | | | |  | | --- | | [**Data on financial aid applications portend drop in low-income, minority enrollment**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_1779247e0ba%3A399d0e%3A2abc58d3&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C7f8483e716504e12ff4208d8cec80032%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637486705679990964%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=qy48cLsRBp0%2Fd6MC%2FRE4JGJJLqfRIFqe19zvJPne7i4%3D&reserved=0) | | [Inside Higher Ed | Higher Education News, Career Advice, Jobs](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.insidehighered.com%2Fadmissions%2Farticle%2F2021%2F02%2F11%2Fdata-financial-aid-applications-portend-drop-low-income-minority&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C7f8483e716504e12ff4208d8cec80032%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637486705679990964%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=l6FtazKJHKYCBQSXg6dRJlqWh%2F98M80TdDv5Zrt4A5Y%3D&reserved=0) | | * Heartened as he is by the renewal numbers, DeBaun and his colleagues are concerned about how many students are (or, more accurately, are not) filing first-time applications for federal financial aid so far this year. * If data on FAFSA completion are a canary in the coal mine for eventual college attendance, especially for higher education's neediest students, early statistics from the 2020-21 cycle portend that fall 2021 could be another tough one for colleges and universities -- especially when it comes to first-year enrollment. | | | |  | | --- | | [**Nearly 1 million mothers leave jobs since start of pandemic**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fa7ygYK4H%2BO92hOf1WNl7nib1addh8vp%2BrvFuRIia7o8%3D_1779103053b%3A3d8141%3Ac87f1c9b&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C7f8483e716504e12ff4208d8cec80032%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637486705680000960%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=qMKh51bU%2BcmALuhwPWj1ZcJ68XUQHYvSU4kzGeQk0Ik%3D&reserved=0) | | [8News](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.wric.com%2Fnews%2Fu-s-world%2Fnearly-1-million-mothers-leave-jobs-since-start-of-pandemic%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C7f8483e716504e12ff4208d8cec80032%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637486705680000960%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=duGlliph8yzhnccmDSB374vSxWoTMIrRBdpueI5Y%2BVA%3D&reserved=0) | | * CHICAGO (NewsNation Now) — According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, more than 2.3 million women have lost their jobs since last February, along with nearly one million mothers who have left their jobs. * So if one breadwinner in a family has to work, and there's no one else to provide childcare, it falls back to the woman," explained personal finance columnist Terry Savage. | | | |  | | --- | | [**Latest weekly jobless claims total 793,000 vs. 760,000 expected**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fezz8A7EWGAHy1UC0ms%2Fm0qRAagR5Qp4dpGm%2Fx4aLZpc%3D_1779172450f%3A559303%3A297d7492&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C7f8483e716504e12ff4208d8cec80032%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637486705680010952%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=UWxwkuIXVcK3vpiMzil%2FMHsZXwW68a0HPUxVvEIB5w8%3D&reserved=0) | | [NBC News Top Stories](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.nbcnews.com%2Fbusiness%2Feconomy%2Flatest-weekly-jobless-claims-total-793-000-vs-760-000-n1257437&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C7f8483e716504e12ff4208d8cec80032%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637486705680010952%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=CAMsawSy0XTTXGvG4EmWDi25MOBdb2bSdZ4eLnexIVQ%3D&reserved=0) | | * Around 793,0000 Americans filed a first-time unemployment claim last week, slightly down from the previous week's revised total of 812,000. Economists had forecast 760,000 claims. * A rash of positive recent economic data has economists and executives forecasting growth for the second half of 2021, propelled by a widespread vaccination rollout and President Joe Biden's fiscal stimulus package. | | | |  | | --- | | [**Invest in career-readiness training for college students**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_1778d947b21%3A1be395%3Ae7d8307&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C7f8483e716504e12ff4208d8cec80032%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637486705680020952%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=fLhhau7cdXZCNMNYKtwg%2FjlBUq1GypgdLWYUxkrPjrs%3D&reserved=0) | | [American Enterprise Institute - AEI](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.aei.org%2Fresearch-products%2Freport%2Finvest-in-career-readiness-training-for-college-students%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C7f8483e716504e12ff4208d8cec80032%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637486705680020952%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=4A5ykh99%2BDv6v%2BLPJWLhv5Sq1WFN1hs11Rp%2BbaMwm7E%3D&reserved=0) | | * While education could be the great equalizer, only 25 percent of our country’s 1.2 million first-generation or low-income college enrollees are predicted to earn their degree and land a strong job or attend graduate school. * This can be achieved by infusing high-quality career preparation into the academic side of higher education and making it accessible to all (i.e., students who attend college while working full-time). | | | |  | | --- | | [**Feds boost state vaccine shipments to 11 million doses next week**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FZlfaun7gHjf%2BezBb4FuuczpsZ%2FrJH5fsT39QwuFW9Bk%3D_17788bc4435%3A79b5f5%3A297d7492&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C7f8483e716504e12ff4208d8cec80032%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637486705680030943%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=22%2B2Nfr82RdJATBNEwHdAv%2BWEGicCC8zYteTnr5NSSE%3D&reserved=0) | | [Virginia Mercury](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.virginiamercury.com%2F2021%2F02%2F09%2Ffeds-boost-state-vaccine-shipments-to-11-million-doses-next-week%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C7f8483e716504e12ff4208d8cec80032%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637486705680030943%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=2l5Q6Fd0Tefc3QY5omBBziE1PvcAsCqqjGEk5dKBgDc%3D&reserved=0) | | * WASHINGTON — States will see another increase in the COVID-19 vaccine doses they receive, with President Joe Biden’s administration announcing Tuesday that the federal government will distribute 11 million doses next week. * The administration’s COVID-19 task force also announced that beginning next week, community health centers across the country will begin receiving vaccine doses directly. | | | |  | | --- | | [**Declines in Community College Enrollment Among Blacks Will Have Long-Term Consequences**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FZ23B2Q5L3pE0IxEnKxwIzxUp4djTIl%2Fdr8ZazqXeH1U%3D_177850e22fc%3Ab29db%3Ac87f1c9b&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C7f8483e716504e12ff4208d8cec80032%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637486705680040931%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=B4JJzYgdpMbNSgHZaMnB0A9G1avABvvxyTkTHPjpswo%3D&reserved=0) | | [Diverse](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fdiverseeducation.com%2Farticle%2F204739%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C7f8483e716504e12ff4208d8cec80032%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637486705680040931%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=MLAchDRt%2FCiN7SZZmQZ6JrFbdV64ZRt%2FfJttxrmIEAY%3D&reserved=0) | | * Community colleges throughout the U.S. have experienced dramatic decreases in enrollment among students of color since the pandemic began. * A 2018 Johns Hopkins University study showed that Black students who had had just one Black teacher by the third grade were 13 percent more likely to enroll in college. | | | |  | | --- | | [**The pandemic is replacing people with tech — threatening the jobs rebound**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_1778392edb6%3Ad2bd8b%3Acd065aa5&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C7f8483e716504e12ff4208d8cec80032%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637486705680050935%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=mrkZWNeZormDHnUmxJy%2B7HfBpCE7xLHNeDveAxYmS5s%3D&reserved=0) | | [POLITICO](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.politico.com%2Fnews%2F2021%2F02%2F05%2Fbiden-automation-american-labor-force-466397&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C7f8483e716504e12ff4208d8cec80032%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637486705680050935%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=6jO65DH9tpDHTTMOwW715eZAQ%2BX9sAt9%2FSDQk0B5LTw%3D&reserved=0) | | * Biden, who has strong support from organized labor, is pledging to expand partnerships between unions, businesses and community colleges, scale up work-based learning programs and build out individual career services. * This “is not just an opportunity lost if we don’t help people get the skills for the jobs that are being created, it’s going to be a real drag on the economy,” said Neil Bradley, executive vice president and chief policy officer at the Chamber of Commerce. | | | |  | | --- | | [**Noncredit Learners Comprised One-Third of Community College Enrollees**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FzmCBFr8kP%2B9g3Ftz3GLDJnkf8sfMYd%2FDuGMk1ENisdU%3D_17781b8e34f%3A105bf1d%3Af118ee1b&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C7f8483e716504e12ff4208d8cec80032%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637486705680060925%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=DtHzlyo8Sa%2FkIFTg0A4jF4gtWbs8lKgZRSJP5K%2Bs8ME%3D&reserved=0) | | |  | | |