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| |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | February 25, 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%7C339700313d9e4c69453008d8d9c84015%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637498801386008320%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=7FR0Dj6GhmhrRY%2Fjcbmms2VwIaRY0SWCTeikWXvgPYI%3D&reserved=0" \t "_blank)** |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | [**Virginia Employment Commission**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_177dab9ee66%3A2b13d4%3Aa7dba81e&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C339700313d9e4c69453008d8d9c84015%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637498801386058294%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=YVs0i4S%2BCpFMt6jULqP1izCXA2BC8ukd3MZ26NxE4jE%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%7C339700313d9e4c69453008d8d9c84015%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637498801386068281%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=DXvOpAZp0f%2FgWduVsAWg5aVIhCumBER7lXHjJDhE95Q%3D&reserved=0) |  | | * RICHMOND—The Virginia Employment Commission (VEC) announced that the number of initial claims filed during the February 20 filing week resumed its recent trend toward lower, pre-holiday season levels, according to figures released today. * For the filing week ending February 20, the figure for seasonally unadjusted initial claims in Virginia was 11,944. |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | [**Va. saw nearly 20% drop in initial jobless claims last week**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FPJWScc%2F4lkEqQ6JyrrO1ZjVBLh6YO03KX5MqTz5ah0A%3D_177da2f1284%3A102d721%3Af8f12479&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C339700313d9e4c69453008d8d9c84015%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637498801386068281%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=jnaoCmgX74eWCuqwHKDnS0FoQxTYuIWF0oSQirECwNc%3D&reserved=0) |  | | [Virginia Business](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.virginiabusiness.com%2Farticle%2Fva-saw-nearly-20-drop-in-initial-jobless-claims-last-week%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C339700313d9e4c69453008d8d9c84015%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637498801386068281%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=hv3Gb3RuOjmT9G56nrwZvuYtT8%2Bu%2BCUGsYN7ip3Wk4Q%3D&reserved=0) |  | | * Initial jobless claims filed last week fell 19.8% from the previous week, according to figures released Thursday by the Virginia Employment Commission but continued claims slightly increased. * During the week ending Feb. 20, 11,944 Virginians filed initial unemployment claims, compared to 14,901 from the week prior. |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | [**More pharmacies to offer free COVID-19 vaccinations in Virginia**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fs9CTgOD2rBeTJKl68FD0GbsxW6yVPw0NK2yeedQsWnQ%3D_177daad0b21%3A2b13f8%3A8a58b468&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C339700313d9e4c69453008d8d9c84015%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637498801386078278%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=%2Fl7HFoBsM%2B%2F9sADDD5QeEuiiMgRPnSSVGEy0k37DZow%3D&reserved=0) |  | | [WTVR](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.wtvr.com%2Fnews%2Fcoronavirus%2Fmore-pharmacies-to-offer-free-covid-19-vaccinations-in-virginia&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C339700313d9e4c69453008d8d9c84015%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637498801386078278%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=MxFO8u26LOK0ZcnEnwISC9mmT%2BTX6zkOgebyCm8INQA%3D&reserved=0) |  | | * -- Additional pharmacy networks will begin to administer COVID-19 vaccines to people 65 and older as part of a federal partnership that will bring 52,000 more vaccines into the Virginia this week, the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) announced Wednesday. * CVS Pharmacy began receiving approximately 26,000 vaccine doses last week through the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program for COVID-19 Vaccination. |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | [**Lawmakers are reforming Virginia’s unemployment system but the upgrades are still months away**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fs9CTgOD2rBeTJKl68FD0GbsxW6yVPw0NK2yeedQsWnQ%3D_177daab9644%3A2b86f9%3A23358700&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C339700313d9e4c69453008d8d9c84015%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637498801386088272%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=lzdqw%2FlCkymhgqEaBW5ACvwezq2bEMxd4k5F%2FlPidDQ%3D&reserved=0) |  | | [WJHL | Tri-Cities News & Weather](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.wric.com%2Fnews%2Flawmakers-are-reforming-virginias-unemployment-system-but-the-upgrades-are-still-months-away%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C339700313d9e4c69453008d8d9c84015%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637498801386088272%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=y9wGRKEC%2BPswSghm5fhlt5xemWtW7hwz487g90Wwt4Q%3D&reserved=0) |  | | * Last year, Hudson said small problems forced many people to wait in limbo for weeks without benefits as the VEC worked through a massive backlog of adjudications. * Upgrades to the VEC’s online system are expected to relieve pressure on those call centers, which will allow staff to focus on more complex problems, according to Healy. |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | [**Governor Northam Increases Capacity Limits for Outdoor Sports and Entertainment Venues as COVID-19 Hospitalizations and Infection Rates Continue to Fall, Vaccinations Rise**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_177d4f26bd2%3A3c4743%3Aca6dac05&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C339700313d9e4c69453008d8d9c84015%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637498801386098264%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=fgKIaxpBmVUlI5DsKGYgXuNVH9Fy4yOQV8bSVjg12KQ%3D&reserved=0) |  | | [Virginia](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.governor.virginia.gov%2Fnewsroom%2Fall-releases%2F2021%2Ffebruary%2Fheadline-892984-en.html&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C339700313d9e4c69453008d8d9c84015%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637498801386098264%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=9%2F8Ld0SOYVcO5F%2FpxEHB3WWa%2BCb3R2l2jB5QxYUU4jY%3D&reserved=0) |  | | * RICHMOND —Governor Ralph Northam today announced that as COVID-19 hospitalizations and infection rates continue to decline and vaccinations rise in Virginia, certain outdoor sports and entertainment venues may begin to operate at increased capacity starting Monday, March 1. * Governor Northam Increases Capacity Limits for Outdoor Sports and Entertainment Venues as COVID-19 Hospitalizations and Infection Rates Continue to Fall, Vaccinations Rise |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | [**Virginia will relax pandemic restrictions for the first time in months amid declining cases, hospitalizations - Virginia Mercury**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fs9CTgOD2rBeTJKl68FD0GbsxW6yVPw0NK2yeedQsWnQ%3D_177d4f109fb%3A3dc600%3A463e8d6b&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C339700313d9e4c69453008d8d9c84015%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637498801386108259%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=v7S8DauIaeHpuxwEmG06Fekj2TFq9XHMlEBK1UZ%2FPwo%3D&reserved=0) |  | | [Virginia Mercury](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.virginiamercury.com%2F2021%2F02%2F24%2Fvirginia-relaxes-pandemic-restrictions-for-the-first-time-in-months-amid-reports-of-declining-cases-hospitalizations%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C339700313d9e4c69453008d8d9c84015%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637498801386108259%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=GmAFrg%2Bq8%2BvAy8x7DSbkgIUUUx1ZGctpn9OlYt3j%2FEU%3D&reserved=0) |  | | * Virginia will lift some of its pandemic safety restrictions as COVID-19 cases decline and access to vaccines slowly continues to expand, Gov. Ralph Northam will announce today. * “I think starting with outdoor venues is a good way to take a baby step toward loosening restrictions and seeing what happens,” said Dr. Taison Bell, an infectious disease expert at the University of Virginia. |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | [**State confirms 5 cases of pediatric illness linked to COVID**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fs9CTgOD2rBeTJKl68FD0GbsxW6yVPw0NK2yeedQsWnQ%3D_177d489ffa1%3A340b92%3Aca6dac05&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C339700313d9e4c69453008d8d9c84015%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637498801386118252%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=5L232QAX2YLpxMermBQ%2BrMiJA4VEOdRTkExmtTkKkv0%3D&reserved=0) |  | | [AP NEWS](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fapnews.com%2Farticle%2Fhealth-richmond-coronavirus-pandemic-virginia-8cfa478e7f29a022e3ac8816bc091cd0&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C339700313d9e4c69453008d8d9c84015%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637498801386118252%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=EarjXSYinwixMVOwo9r8RVKu%2FLaOn8ueJnq%2FfaLnCsI%3D&reserved=0) |  | | * The department said in a news release on Monday that the condition is known as Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children or MIS-C. * (AP) — The Virginia Department of Health has confirmed five cases in the Richmond area of a pediatric inflammatory illness associated with the coronavirus. |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | [**Legislators at odds over how to extend workers’ compensation pay for Virginia's first responders and nurses who contract COVID-19**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fs9CTgOD2rBeTJKl68FD0GbsxW6yVPw0NK2yeedQsWnQ%3D_177d487e35d%3A327a26%3A8a58b468&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C339700313d9e4c69453008d8d9c84015%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637498801386128250%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=pSbcV%2BLLC9iH96nKy1Ug55V%2FVqMpaPd06zZZSn7zPq8%3D&reserved=0) |  | | [Roanoke Times](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Froanoke.com%2Fnews%2Flegislators-at-odds-over-how-to-extend-workers-compensation-pay-for-virginias-first-responders-and%2Farticle_7c93fdc6-7604-11eb-8776-6fdccb4d1f50.html&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C339700313d9e4c69453008d8d9c84015%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637498801386128250%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=d5dzsgwuOSECevQgCJBqB%2B4ceU%2Fj7gTDsfh5LDoTuKo%3D&reserved=0) |  | | * Saslaw said the legislation currently under consideration would carry an “astronomical” price for local governments, which would have to pay workers’ compensation claims by its employees. * The Virginia Association of Counties Group Self-Insurance Risk Pool, representing about 460 counties, authorities and school systems, reported to lawmakers that the retroactive clause could cost localities $15 million. |  | |  | | |  | | --- | | [**DMV adds more online services to help customers avoid in-person visits**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fa7ygYK4H%2BO92hOf1WNl7nib1addh8vp%2BrvFuRIia7o8%3D_177cff61385%3A41307e5%3A2278bad3&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C339700313d9e4c69453008d8d9c84015%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637498801386138241%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=iUFo53lELld%2Fz%2FbJX4V8m9pKsrV9ggxEmmpnxy9JKj4%3D&reserved=0) | | [8News](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.wric.com%2Fnews%2Fvirginia-news%2Fdmv-adds-more-online-services-to-help-customers-avoid-in-person-visits%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C339700313d9e4c69453008d8d9c84015%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637498801386138241%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=WLuiXWWkKXGKBm2OS3rWqC8FE65xIR6OtE0gMezWpVw%3D&reserved=0) | | [RICHMOND, Va. (WRIC) -- Skip your visit to the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and log in online for a number of services available during the COVID-19 pandemic. Customers can now replace their commercial driver’s license (CDL), driver’s license learner’s permit, driver privilege card or learner’s permit, or limited duration driver’s license, permit or CDL online at dmvNOW.com.](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fa7ygYK4H%2BO92hOf1WNl7nib1addh8vp%2BrvFuRIia7o8%3D_177cff61385%3A41307e5%3A2278bad3&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C339700313d9e4c69453008d8d9c84015%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637498801386148235%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=%2BDBXOMG%2BQlgYIQHkR3ZNcI16oItv65BLaaz%2FeDG%2B6GY%3D&reserved=0) | |  | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**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%7C339700313d9e4c69453008d8d9c84015%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637498801385748465%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=wWDvYa8QekRyTtEpXfP0%2B2vsFHCS5ktzEIpyx1MLWtA%3D&reserved=0) | | | |  | | --- | | [**Expert urges continued caution even after receiving COVID-19 vaccine**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fs9CTgOD2rBeTJKl68FD0GbsxW6yVPw0NK2yeedQsWnQ%3D_177dac62868%3A2c202f%3A8d730866&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C339700313d9e4c69453008d8d9c84015%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637498801385828421%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=lfjNQDtD8nnxADMlaB0ZkyCHqzHb%2BlVdNXoUuTpn%2B40%3D&reserved=0) | | [WTVR](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.wtvr.com%2Fnews%2Fcoronavirus%2Fexpert-urges-continued-caution-even-after-receiving-covid-19-vaccine&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C339700313d9e4c69453008d8d9c84015%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637498801385838418%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=qRx9rl%2B5fZQSt9JRZMVk4syE1B%2B0dWhO79j2C5oCi1U%3D&reserved=0) | | * Doll said for that reason, people should continue to wear a mask, as no vaccines are 100% effective. * "Because the disease looks like it is less severe and those who are vaccinated, you may even have more people who are carrying the virus who don't know," Michelle Doll, Assistant Professor of Medicine at VCU School of Medicine, said. | | | |  | | --- | | [**COVID-19 offers remote workers and small communities big economic opportunities**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fs9CTgOD2rBeTJKl68FD0GbsxW6yVPw0NK2yeedQsWnQ%3D_177dab5c419%3A2c0dcf%3Aa4a8d790&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C339700313d9e4c69453008d8d9c84015%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637498801385838418%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=xpW8iADzEHe8nzRNw0MYKH16njKq05Lpqhm0ncprONo%3D&reserved=0) | | [USA TODAY](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.usatoday.com%2Fstory%2Fopinion%2F2021%2F02%2F18%2Fcovid-economy-court-remote-workers-not-just-corporations-column%2F6754082002%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C339700313d9e4c69453008d8d9c84015%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637498801385848414%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=gkmcvPmkFcr7HkAleElQ3Mi5liYaEd9scgvxs%2B5qiWA%3D&reserved=0) | | * It’s no coincidence that the vast majority of existing economic development programs focus on attracting companies and the jobs that they create . * When those workers proved they could be productive, they triggered a secondary trend: realization by city and state governments that those remote workers represent an entirely new paradigm for economic development. | | | |  | | --- | | [**Teens cool toward four-year college, warm up to CTE**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fs9CTgOD2rBeTJKl68FD0GbsxW6yVPw0NK2yeedQsWnQ%3D_177dab000be%3A2bd671%3A23358700&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C339700313d9e4c69453008d8d9c84015%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637498801385848414%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=7iyuyNyz7tgnFIB7Bt3usBJGdisE32Btdk4CJGIdKho%3D&reserved=0) | | [Community College Daily](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ccdaily.com%2F2021%2F02%2Fteens-cool-toward-four-year-college-warm-up-to-cte%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C339700313d9e4c69453008d8d9c84015%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637498801385858401%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=rA2HlXnDQlOSzyPHg%2BUnLWP1ulVF9ELNkGJukr%2BoYO0%3D&reserved=0) | | * Polled high school students ages 14 to 18 who say they are likely to attend a four-year school dropped to 53% from 71% eight months ago, according to a new ECMC Group survey . * Meanwhile, 52% believe they can succeed in a career with postsecondary education other than a four-year degree, and one-quarter of high schoolers say they are more likely to attend a career and technical education (CTE) school due to the pandemic. | | | |  | | --- | | [**Expanded SNAP benefits to help students**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fs9CTgOD2rBeTJKl68FD0GbsxW6yVPw0NK2yeedQsWnQ%3D_177daaf2154%3A2c0a1f%3A22b7c5a0&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C339700313d9e4c69453008d8d9c84015%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637498801385858401%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=b18GUu8IlwYFHxBq1QR5Ym6xYDPALwq3ng%2BDXk6awXY%3D&reserved=0) | | [Community College Daily](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ccdaily.com%2F2021%2F02%2Fexpanded-snap-benefits-to-help-students%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C339700313d9e4c69453008d8d9c84015%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637498801385868396%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=jSiIx4qsEyPfGixD63f%2Bb3vMrJub51k10o4NfF2Pmfo%3D&reserved=0) | | * ED, in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), has issued guidance to postsecondary institutions to inform them about temporarily expanded Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) eligibility for students in need. * Under regular SNAP eligibility requirements, students enrolled at least half-time in an higher education institution are typically ineligible for SNAP benefits unless they meet certain specific exemptions. | | | |  | | --- | | [**The Most Likely Timeline for Life to Return to Normal**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fs9CTgOD2rBeTJKl68FD0GbsxW6yVPw0NK2yeedQsWnQ%3D_177daa580f8%3A2c56aa%3Af650fbbd&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C339700313d9e4c69453008d8d9c84015%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637498801385868396%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=LwWUB%2BWVkuHjnnJd6L9HTj3eGO01R1cclB4jsKkRCnk%3D&reserved=0) | | [The Atlantic](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.theatlantic.com%2Ffamily%2Farchive%2F2021%2F02%2Fpandemic-daily-life-normal-summer-fall%2F618108%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C339700313d9e4c69453008d8d9c84015%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637498801385878396%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=HQFj7Y9VXsrYvTfxqy%2BJmze9XZO1PHebczmXvDgjtT8%3D&reserved=0) | | * “I think when people are vaccinated themselves, they will start letting their guard down, but it will also genuinely be safer from a public-health perspective,” said Jennifer Beam Dowd, a professor of demography and population health at the University of Oxford and the chief scientific officer of Dear Pandemic, a COVID-19 public-education campaign. * Oster thinks that while certain activities should become much safer over the summer, many people might not be comfortable resuming them until the end of the year or even later. | | | |  | | --- | | [**Analysis: The two Americas of the Covid economy**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fs9CTgOD2rBeTJKl68FD0GbsxW6yVPw0NK2yeedQsWnQ%3D_177daa3df3b%3A2b5014%3Ac6f97429&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C339700313d9e4c69453008d8d9c84015%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637498801385878396%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=lPc3VDqhJ2wVv4aju9WvP3%2BUTjQihF1DApguQjWl9E0%3D&reserved=0) | | [CNN](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cnn.com%2F2021%2F02%2F24%2Fpolitics%2Fwhat-matters-february-24%2Findex.html&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C339700313d9e4c69453008d8d9c84015%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637498801385888389%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=H5h9A%2FuOhqod0wK%2ButQe%2Fd7km8mJcrVYf9KY2aqJRTU%3D&reserved=0) | | * And realizing there are a number of different Americas feeling the pandemic in extremely different ways is key to understanding the need for that massive $1.9 trillion relief bill the Biden administration is pushing. * "Success to me would be if we could get back to pre-pandemic levels of unemployment," Yellen said, although she also argued the Covid economy has also moved the goal posts on what that level might be. | | | |  | | --- | | [**Big uptick in vaccine supplies for states expected soon**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fs9CTgOD2rBeTJKl68FD0GbsxW6yVPw0NK2yeedQsWnQ%3D_177daa28c64%3A2a4e06%3A8a58b468&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C339700313d9e4c69453008d8d9c84015%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637498801385888389%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=ku%2FWeoKCIdoI3wJPSjbNHMahPtcQIQCqkbo1NP5kR2s%3D&reserved=0) | | [Virginia Mercury](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.virginiamercury.com%2F2021%2F02%2F24%2Fbig-uptick-in-vaccine-supplies-for-states-expected-soon%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C339700313d9e4c69453008d8d9c84015%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637498801385898416%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=9EtPRn%2F9fnNIEjms1XsEdaozWnju%2F3odLTmvjVXJ1%2F4%3D&reserved=0) | | * If a third vaccine from Johnson & Johnson is authorized by the Food and Drug Administration, which could happen as soon as this weekend, the company says it can deliver enough single-dose shots by the end of March to vaccinate more than 20 million Americans. * Pfizer — whose COVID-19 vaccine was the first to receive FDA emergency authorization — had shipped 40 million vaccine doses as of mid-February. | | | |  | | --- | | [**Latest weekly jobless claims fall to 730,000 vs. 845,000 expected**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fezz8A7EWGAHy1UC0ms%2Fm0qRAagR5Qp4dpGm%2Fx4aLZpc%3D_177d96cccfe%3Ad06a26%3Aa423a121&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C339700313d9e4c69453008d8d9c84015%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637498801385898416%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=QF46Xm0sNfNWUzmvaImxo2NEVVzplv6wF31HPQem%2Ba0%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-fall-730-000-vs-845-000-n1258823&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C339700313d9e4c69453008d8d9c84015%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637498801385908379%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=FClMNlVURmzrQi8rEj%2FVYtAM08STnOOzIIJpHUQ1gQk%3D&reserved=0) | | * Weekly initial jobless claims fell to 730,000 last week, as freezing weather across parts of the country, the continuing pandemic, and lack of additional stimulus kept a squeeze on the labor market. * Continuing claims fell to 4.419 million, double their pre-pandemic levels, as more Americans burn through their six months of state unemployment benefits and turn to long-term federal unemployment benefits. | | | |  | | --- | | [**White House to roll out Johnson & Johnson vaccine doses next week, pending authorization**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fs9CTgOD2rBeTJKl68FD0GbsxW6yVPw0NK2yeedQsWnQ%3D_177d90ebf92%3A90ce5%3Addce6062&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C339700313d9e4c69453008d8d9c84015%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637498801385908379%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=ljEvxBbDHs7Hv1iUvpnzICGG0x7Fv4jzUSvaGq1OWAM%3D&reserved=0) | | [U.S.](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.reuters.com%2Farticle%2Fus-health-coronavirus-whitehouse-idUSKBN2AO27X&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C339700313d9e4c69453008d8d9c84015%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637498801385918371%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=%2B1ExikyFAycGk3V8nzBtf6SoMG8K4YsAzeU84YW6DIk%3D&reserved=0) | | * (Reuters) - The United States expects to roll out three to four million doses of Johnson & Johnson’s COVID-19 vaccine next week, pending authorization from the Food and Drug Administration, White House COVID-19 response coordinator Jeff Zients said on Wednesday. * The Biden administration told governors this week that it would allocate about 2 million doses of the first J&J distribution to states. | | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | [**More College Students Are Eligible for Food Stamps**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fo3SSqIWWG2gYayKaXccfVpg%2FzOCVxn%2FqF9iZLeGk8SI%3D_177d327114c%3A32468f%3Ae551f09f&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C339700313d9e4c69453008d8d9c84015%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637498801385918371%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=%2BEu2OvnwKyoqiuvqnZB7fUwJRLVMhrpghb7mFcwpfA8%3D&reserved=0) |  | | [Inside Higher Ed](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.insidehighered.com%2Fquicktakes%2F2021%2F02%2F24%2Fmore-college-students-are-eligible-food-stamps&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C339700313d9e4c69453008d8d9c84015%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637498801385928371%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=slHPQ%2BMWmr8xNIrN6PW3de7JGWQuVwAm3GJmbSUcUh0%3D&reserved=0) |  | | * The Education Department urged colleges and universities to spread the word to students that more are eligible for food stamp benefits during the coronavirus pandemic. * "Since the onset of this pandemic, college students already living with low incomes have experienced significant life disruptions including increased food insecurity," said Acting Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education Michelle Asha Cooper in a press release. |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | [**The coronavirus is here to stay — here’s what that means**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fs9CTgOD2rBeTJKl68FD0GbsxW6yVPw0NK2yeedQsWnQ%3D_177d48ded72%3A33a421%3A23358700&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C339700313d9e4c69453008d8d9c84015%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637498801385928371%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=XO5%2FBHM5HZ%2FfXWCTsMkwlwaMy%2BlfkF6s41a2mtNngFs%3D&reserved=0) |  | | [Nature](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fidp.nature.com%2Fauthorize%3Fresponse_type%3Dcookie%26client_id%3Dgrover%26redirect_uri%3Dhttps%253A%252F%252Fwww.nature.com%252Farticles%252Fd41586-021-00396-2%253Fcampaign_id%253D9%2526emc%253Dedit_nn_20210223%2526instance_id%253D27427%2526nl%253Dthe-morning%2526regi_id%253D117602237%2526segment_id%253D52225%2526te%253D1%2526user_id%253D6f1448f3fcade225296d82c1d20d7605&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C339700313d9e4c69453008d8d9c84015%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637498801385938357%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=mH%2FRVbwrbyPtj5g8xPm79YgasGU711SkJohnCCdVfDo%3D&reserved=0) |  | | * If most people develop life-long immunity to the virus, either through natural infection or vaccination, then the virus is unlikely to become endemic, she says. * The virus sticks around, but once people develop some immunity to it — either through natural infection or vaccination — they won’t come down with severe symptoms. |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | [**How a strong nudge campaign can improve student outcomes during COVID (opinion)**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fo3SSqIWWG2gYayKaXccfVpg%2FzOCVxn%2FqF9iZLeGk8SI%3D_177cdf995d9%3A42b337e%3A11f5ae1e&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C339700313d9e4c69453008d8d9c84015%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637498801385938357%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=6jiwv%2FFGNIgCgkblFrxjUe6KTrFswW2d3PhEwpTBE1E%3D&reserved=0) |  | | [Inside Higher Ed](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.insidehighered.com%2Fviews%2F2021%2F02%2F23%2Fhow-strong-nudge-campaign-can-improve-student-outcomes-during-covid-opinion&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C339700313d9e4c69453008d8d9c84015%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637498801385948355%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=RRt8WH8neIwIn4v3pNYNlic6bfYN%2BN4Wu2rnhoQEhD0%3D&reserved=0) |  | | * Many administrators who have turned to this tool to help drive access and enrollment goals have been left wondering if nudging is nothing more than a new way to send students reminder messages. * In the years that followed, admissions, financial aid and registrar departments across the country began using nudging -- through digital platforms like emails, learning management systems and especially text messaging -- as a means to help students act on things like paying a bill, submitting a FAFSA or meeting a deadline. |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | [**Pandemic forces college fundraisers to abandon tried-and-true strategies, go digital**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fo3SSqIWWG2gYayKaXccfVpg%2FzOCVxn%2FqF9iZLeGk8SI%3D_177cdf995d9%3A42b3389%3A11f5ae1e&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C339700313d9e4c69453008d8d9c84015%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637498801385948355%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=AOKGAIktTrwj58CT1SAhk6OA4V%2FDAZ1Kl%2BIqPFV%2FVNY%3D&reserved=0) |  | | [Inside Higher Ed](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.insidehighered.com%2Fnews%2F2021%2F02%2F23%2Fpandemic-forces-college-fundraisers-abandon-tried-and-true-strategies-go-digital&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C339700313d9e4c69453008d8d9c84015%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637498801385958352%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=dCjARn6krn6KIu1G9theX7qgcNRNIRnbEiAqez0d7y4%3D&reserved=0) |  | | * “Given the demographic of our students -- and our alumni know the demographic of our students because it was once them -- that was one of our best Giving Tuesday efforts that the university had,” said Carme Williams, vice president of development at Prairie View. * Juan McGruder, vice president for advancement at Oglethorpe University, said advancement shops and donors retreated to their respective corners for a moment after employees were asked to work remotely. |  | |  | | |  | | --- | | [**On the Post-Pandemic Horizon, Could That Be … a Boom?**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fs9CTgOD2rBeTJKl68FD0GbsxW6yVPw0NK2yeedQsWnQ%3D_177ca8734bd%3Aad4003%3A363f0aac&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C339700313d9e4c69453008d8d9c84015%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637498801385958352%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=%2BEK8fJxqcRbSIW5aY6Nbhfjj0c1uaGuOQcVYJTgt9lI%3D&reserved=0) | | [The New York Times](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.nytimes.com%2F2021%2F02%2F21%2Fbusiness%2Feconomy%2Fpandemic-economic-boom.html&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C339700313d9e4c69453008d8d9c84015%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637498801385968344%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=KuYuCpnLc3J1U%2BE4YKH2G6QgrnAkZbs5otNa0vmWYTk%3D&reserved=0) | | * And largely because of trillions of dollars in federal help, the economy appears to have made it through last year with less structural damage — in the form of business failures, home foreclosures and personal bankruptcies — than many people feared last spring. * Forecasters have always expected the pandemic to be followed by a period of strong growth as businesses reopen and Americans resume their normal activities. | |  | | |  | | --- | | [**COVID-19 Shutdowns Don’t Have Long-Term Effect on Jobs**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fs9CTgOD2rBeTJKl68FD0GbsxW6yVPw0NK2yeedQsWnQ%3D_177ca852b44%3Ab7a5c5%3A9b80cd3e&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C339700313d9e4c69453008d8d9c84015%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637498801385968344%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=KpPeFwrPayHgSh7tFnTa2m1CIfyJfvOJ4J8NGImnxkI%3D&reserved=0) | | [Governing: State and local government news and analysis](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.governing.com%2Fwork%2FCOVID-19-Shutdowns-Dont-Have-Long-Term-Effect-on-Jobs.html&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C339700313d9e4c69453008d8d9c84015%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637498801385978338%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=0FTDYK0eqcAyHFBWLiImZ%2F9jERt42YYRQdiMZL9ecJA%3D&reserved=0) | | * It turns out, COVID-19 deaths have a greater impact on long-term job loss than state restrictions or total COVID-19 case counts have, per a study from the Kalamazoo-based W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research. * “But if there are a lot of people dying – perhaps because there aren’t enough restrictions – that effect can linger for several months more and slow the recovery,” Hershbein said. | |  | | |  | | --- | | [**PROOF POINTS: A warning sign that the freshman class will shrink again in the fall of 2021**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2F7GREM7CplKRZjsJIjPDQXp7LmhRctFTvaXgASsiiVtw%3D_177c96f0040%3A3ae0011%3A11f5ae1e&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C339700313d9e4c69453008d8d9c84015%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637498801385978338%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=HKzC17hFDqTa037kUvjKm5qaJQ5VUmqZkNkh1SExJvk%3D&reserved=0) | | [The Hechinger Report](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fhechingerreport.org%2Fwarning-freshman-class-shrink-fall-2021%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C339700313d9e4c69453008d8d9c84015%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637498801385988330%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=hVOvWFy4QKqQdaMR%2BL45AYSHhA5RudPrfX8kRueYk%2Bk%3D&reserved=0" \t "_blank) | | * Thus far, only 39 percent of the current high school class of 2021 has completed the FAFSA, adding up to roughly 150,000 fewer students than usual at this point in the college application cycle. * FAFSA filings are seen as a leading indicator of future college enrollment because students need to fill out the form to obtain financial aid, including grants, loans and work-study jobs, important steps for most students in the college application process. | |  | | |  | | --- | | [**With millions looking for work, stigmas create a dearth of skilled tradespeople**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_177bb59a2aa%3A30247b%3A1c749858&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C339700313d9e4c69453008d8d9c84015%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637498801385988330%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=HlKEFFJGUcDAHhlX0Ceonzy%2FbSand7fhqBjaNqQ2Jqw%3D&reserved=0) | | [PBS NewsHour](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.pbs.org%2Fnewshour%2Fshow%2Fwith-millions-looking-for-work-stigmas-create-a-dearth-of-skilled-tradespeople&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C339700313d9e4c69453008d8d9c84015%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637498801385998351%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=HyduQPNVdC4VW55CzCrbSZIJ6PkEsv%2B0dDTcYbGWw2I%3D&reserved=0) | | [Jobless claims were high again this past week with more than 860,000 people filing for unemployment benefits for the first time. Millions of people are still looking for work, but some employers say they can't find enough skilled workers for certain jobs.](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_177bb59a2aa%3A30247b%3A1c749858&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C339700313d9e4c69453008d8d9c84015%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637498801385998351%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=3bIiGwKDkpHrezgUSLAx0%2B4iIT0kAhcAs3%2B8FkFoBwg%3D&reserved=0) | |  | |  | | |