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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%7C9f500b69d2cb400b804f08d8e4c88e9c%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637510897323870174%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=DwzFwY%2B2s31JeOrrbPKAm8zKlUJ%2BrrdS4NK4JRDEthM%3D&reserved=0" \t "_blank)** |  |

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| [**Virginia Releases February 2021 Revenue Report**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_17822d896d2%3Aff417%3A529218c9&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9f500b69d2cb400b804f08d8e4c88e9c%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637510897323940132%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=SpgiragViL%2FE4QYKi%2B0j9Wg%2BjyCE9cWgYRZ9mqNw4RI%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [Virginia](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.governor.virginia.gov%2Fnewsroom%2Fall-releases%2F2021%2Fmarch%2Fheadline-893632-en.html&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9f500b69d2cb400b804f08d8e4c88e9c%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637510897323950121%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=dRMEVwf%2FPhfqzOCqioeUgRFjQBiHnXPl6nE9dHgurfY%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| * RICHMOND —Governor Ralph Northam today announced that total General Fund revenues rose 28.5 percent in February, as the delayed start of the tax filing season this year resulted in fewer refunds being issued compared with last year’s on time opening.
* General Fund revenue collections increase 28.5 percent from previous year and fiscal year-to-date collections up 8.0 percent, largely due to timing of tax processing season and solid gains in individual withholding, sales, and recordation taxes
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| [**Virginia Employment Commission**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_17822d69d5c%3Afd14b%3A529218c9&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9f500b69d2cb400b804f08d8e4c88e9c%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637510897323960116%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=9iDoSH2A%2BJN4NXK6nS09x43tBhdi3ZolSsNxe5BzjdE%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%7C9f500b69d2cb400b804f08d8e4c88e9c%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637510897323970105%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=1wyRl3PToBE0U87pZXKJ26AtEO69girU%2BvMSeub%2F574%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| * The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 709,458 in the week ending March 6, a decrease of 47,170 (or -6.2 percent) from the previous week.
* For the filing week ending March 6, the figure for seasonally unadjusted initial claims in Virginia was 13,736.
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| [**Virginia could abandon vaccine scheduling software amid persistent problems**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fs9CTgOD2rBeTJKl68FD0GbsxW6yVPw0NK2yeedQsWnQ%3D_178225215f9%3A8537a%3A56ac6c25&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9f500b69d2cb400b804f08d8e4c88e9c%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637510897323980102%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=tpuSOAZwLcjrnE30lW5T4sdQUWsBjOoFujYtHeBPuDA%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [Virginia Mercury](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.virginiamercury.com%2F2021%2F03%2F10%2Fvirginia-could-abandon-vaccine-scheduling-software-amid-persistent-bugs%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9f500b69d2cb400b804f08d8e4c88e9c%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637510897323980102%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=pmbM3POwMd4QtJF77yx1TPyDDs3XWyqEd7WJPCLNzAc%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| * Multiple local health districts have been forced to cancel hundreds of appointments or turn people away after closed clinics for certain prioritized Virginians were inundated with ineligible sign-ups.
* Dr. Danny Avula, the state’s vaccine coordinator, said PrepMod’s developers have been unable to fix recurring problems with the system, which have left it unworkable for many local health departments.
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| [**The pandemic — one year later**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fs9CTgOD2rBeTJKl68FD0GbsxW6yVPw0NK2yeedQsWnQ%3D_1782250ced1%3A588b1%3Aad47f3a5&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9f500b69d2cb400b804f08d8e4c88e9c%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637510897323990110%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=R8m2aNqgStapz0V1S4KbSy%2Fmee3xkxyJOKJ6Br5WtiM%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [Virginia Business](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.virginiabusiness.com%2Farticle%2Fthe-pandemic-one-year-later%2F%3Foly_enc_id%3D0462E7083134D7T&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9f500b69d2cb400b804f08d8e4c88e9c%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637510897324000096%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=nHo99cQuRvuF00nSbOThoDCCSfn6vGeu1dLcFQGDJ%2BQ%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| * Virginians logged on Facebook to watch daily updates from Gov. Ralph Northam and State Health Commissioner Dr. Norman Oliver, who reported the latest COVID-19 statistics and urged residents to wash their hands, stay six feet apart and remain at home if possible.
* March 12 — Gov. Ralph Northam declared a state of emergency as the total number of cases among Virginia climbed to 17.
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| [**Coronavirus update: 53 new COVID-19 deaths reported; 5.5% positivity rate**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fa7ygYK4H%2BO92hOf1WNl7nib1addh8vp%2BrvFuRIia7o8%3D_17821dd021c%3A5e370c%3Aacf96747&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9f500b69d2cb400b804f08d8e4c88e9c%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637510897324000096%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=kufQSo0bh60m2i6MWxrD9G7W3K4nx7lUWN40hNHVmKA%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [8News](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.wric.com%2Fnews%2Fcoronavirus-update-53-new-covid-19-deaths-reported-5-5-positivity-rate%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9f500b69d2cb400b804f08d8e4c88e9c%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637510897324010088%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=1pE5tKY7F2usWQeywW%2FO5l%2B7uj%2BIqKQ2zKh8yf2gkTc%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| * The Virginia Department of Health has reported an increase of 53 COVID-19 deaths in the last 24 hours, bringing the total number of lives lost in the Commonwealth to 9,902.
* VDH is reporting that a total of 2,493,097 COVID-19 vaccines have been administered as of March 11.
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| [**Virginia Department of Education revises back-to-school guidance**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fa7ygYK4H%2BO92hOf1WNl7nib1addh8vp%2BrvFuRIia7o8%3D_1781dbedd8d%3A80da6b%3Afa97248d&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9f500b69d2cb400b804f08d8e4c88e9c%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637510897324010088%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=nWOclNToX%2Ff1zN50lqXYyJyjrsI4OxO8XDLv%2B3WqpfA%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [8News](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.wric.com%2Fnews%2Fvirginia-news%2Fvirginia-department-of-education-revises-back-to-school-guidance%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9f500b69d2cb400b804f08d8e4c88e9c%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637510897324020087%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=yxb6ZcRs2jwNBz3sv3UgsQSM3E%2Bi0Q0OyloOHNI7h1E%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| * (WRIC) -- The Virginia Department of Education has updated its back-to-school- guidance with new information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
* In January, the VDOE released updated guidelines to localities on how to resume in-person learning safely.
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| [**Faculty at Virginia’s Community Colleges reflect on the “Year of Covid”**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_1781ce0824b%3A2a1cf3%3A869c686d&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9f500b69d2cb400b804f08d8e4c88e9c%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637510897324020087%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=YhiiqoDkEAh0aQ6G2CrX6e5UZ2QcgKE%2BOtUnqCjO1nc%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [VCCS](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.vccs.edu%2Fblog%2Ffaculty-at-virginias-community-colleges-reflect-on-the-year-of-covid%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9f500b69d2cb400b804f08d8e4c88e9c%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637510897324030079%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=sxHlmvmhDYUJs%2FYaEHHCdC3nmXKI70f0EUUVt2mP5FA%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| * Since I teach IT classes, I assumed my students had experience with video conferencing and screen sharing.
* Editor’s note: As we approached the anniversary of the widespread campus disruptions caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, we reached out to winners of the 2020 VCCS outstanding faculty awards, asking them to share their thoughts about the challenges they faced.
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| [**Here’s why Virginia is asking you to update your vaccine preregistration**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fs9CTgOD2rBeTJKl68FD0GbsxW6yVPw0NK2yeedQsWnQ%3D_1781c8bac8b%3A250937%3Ad4feb00d&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9f500b69d2cb400b804f08d8e4c88e9c%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637510897324030079%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=K7FHnLf8orABNxVII3MKFR5kIzD9SuE%2BUrynswCuCIk%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [pilotonline.com](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.pilotonline.com%2Fnews%2Fhealth%2Fvp-nw-covid-vaccine-preregistration-updates-20210309-gpsa5k3bhbakplrlgfhybtksle-story.html&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9f500b69d2cb400b804f08d8e4c88e9c%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637510897324040071%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=5eKK1LJGrtZKwSxTNTcyBboMxU6pNxsP0jI1qu6BzHQ%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [One change in the system this week took some people by surprise: how one’s body mass index, or BMI, factors into the vaccine rollout. And yes, an overweight BMI still currently qualifies you for a vaccine.](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fs9CTgOD2rBeTJKl68FD0GbsxW6yVPw0NK2yeedQsWnQ%3D_1781c8bac8b%3A250937%3Ad4feb00d&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9f500b69d2cb400b804f08d8e4c88e9c%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637510897324050068%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=xa71UM2aqe6eUAOEB1lO3axn%2FfJ%2FRuOrw2Tc6fr%2Beyo%3D&reserved=0)  |  |

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| [**COVID roundup: 1 year into pandemic, Va. makes headway with vaccinations**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FPJWScc%2F4lkEqQ6JyrrO1ZjVBLh6YO03KX5MqTz5ah0A%3D_17812daf0a6%3A1b9b953%3A4102b450&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9f500b69d2cb400b804f08d8e4c88e9c%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637510897324070056%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=HDQvo0x91zaeEre0w2VWKwNvkdOsoG1z6lMVkzxZsXg%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [Virginia Business](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.virginiabusiness.com%2Farticle%2Fcovid-roundup-1-year-into-pandemic-va-makes-headway-with-vaccinations%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9f500b69d2cb400b804f08d8e4c88e9c%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637510897324070056%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=glzc8ddqAjLU4%2BpB9q791hAgDMXl8sIL7oKlqcOOEuA%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| * Meanwhile, the number of COVID-related deaths in Virginia still higher than average last week due to delayed reporting of death certificates following the spike in cases during the holidays.
* As of Monday, the state has recorded 586,592 total cases and 9,683 deaths attributed to the pandemic, and the state’s seven-day positivity rate was at 6.2%.
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| [**Emergency SNAP befits to continue in March**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fa7ygYK4H%2BO92hOf1WNl7nib1addh8vp%2BrvFuRIia7o8%3D_177ff7254e3%3Aa6ba3%3Ae38f1d3f&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9f500b69d2cb400b804f08d8e4c88e9c%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637510897324080048%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=1jKdTs3IU3%2FSSlum8gqiPItuzOK%2BYB0W1Y4TgaAdwCc%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [8News](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.wric.com%2Fnews%2Fvirginia-news%2Femergency-snap-befits-to-continue-in-march%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9f500b69d2cb400b804f08d8e4c88e9c%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637510897324080048%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=1IxP%2FmHgQw0kuDpxKuuvNMR%2B9GHRc7gF%2BsItcMfFLEU%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [RICHMOND, Va. (WRIC) -- The Virginia Department of Social Services announced it will release emergency allotment for its Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) again in March.](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fa7ygYK4H%2BO92hOf1WNl7nib1addh8vp%2BrvFuRIia7o8%3D_177ff7254e3%3Aa6ba3%3Ae38f1d3f&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9f500b69d2cb400b804f08d8e4c88e9c%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637510897324090038%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=5rwA9qeOy%2Bge%2BbRb3Eyzuj%2BhRQOodTxpE%2BwV9Ebpm3Y%3D&reserved=0)  |  |

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| [**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%7C9f500b69d2cb400b804f08d8e4c88e9c%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637510897323540357%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=zFjXyA7ByUvkTiUPadSVW3RoBni9mUYpskbZ2bxlt1U%3D&reserved=0) |

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| [**COVID-19 Projections Using Machine Learning**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fs9CTgOD2rBeTJKl68FD0GbsxW6yVPw0NK2yeedQsWnQ%3D_178224eec36%3A81bcf%3A56ac6c25&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9f500b69d2cb400b804f08d8e4c88e9c%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637510897323650295%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=H%2FLiUPNrcqdc%2FmPLRIbEI6TmaXT9ahIhWWwEb9QXv7c%3D&reserved=0) |
| [COVID-19 Projections Using Machine Learning](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcovid19-projections.com%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9f500b69d2cb400b804f08d8e4c88e9c%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637510897323670284%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=eLeumCxN%2BC%2FU2IEe67DVHzh9ThMdvJgYlRprv7zemcE%3D&reserved=0) |
| * February 26: After almost a year since [covid19-projections.com](http://covid19-projections.com/) was launched, we will be making the last daily update on Sunday, March 7.
* March 8: We made our last daily update on March 7 (containing infections estimates through February 21, 2021).
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| [**COVID-19 and beyond: Solutions for academic mothers**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fo3SSqIWWG2gYayKaXccfVpg%2FzOCVxn%2FqF9iZLeGk8SI%3D_17820655461%3A35a5a9%3Aacf96747&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9f500b69d2cb400b804f08d8e4c88e9c%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637510897323680277%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=Ke%2FBy59BFY4x%2Ba8o1VymkKP3Pyu2O5DhWXbwIwe04q8%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [Inside Higher Ed](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.insidehighered.com%2Fnews%2F2021%2F03%2F11%2Fcovid-19-and-beyond-solutions-academic-mothers&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9f500b69d2cb400b804f08d8e4c88e9c%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637510897323680277%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=GjDaJDXITM%2BwAPFi1s4NNwx%2FFu%2F3g4seUs5zN6W9n4w%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| * Over all, the paper advises mentors to initiate discussions with mentees about "developing flexible timelines for both short- (e.g., lab work) and long- (e.g., graduation date) term goals in such a way that planning is viewed as positive, proactive and supportive." Outsourcing sample analysis or hiring technicians to complete field or lab work could also help mentees meet the demands of a research project while learning to “juggle school and work with childcare.”
* And unlike many of the department- or campus-based ideas that have been floated or fielded during the last year, this set of solutions is wide-ranging: mentors, college and university administrators, scientific societies, publishers, and funding agencies are all called on to do their part.
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| [**Latest weekly jobless claims fall to 712,000, paving way for spring hiring bounce-back**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fezz8A7EWGAHy1UC0ms%2Fm0qRAagR5Qp4dpGm%2Fx4aLZpc%3D_178218e2008%3A557626%3Aacf96747&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9f500b69d2cb400b804f08d8e4c88e9c%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637510897323690273%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=cvSYFkY64Y5avHyzc8XOXPKP1e1vfgJ9Kjf1EQHjlgQ%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-712-000-paving-way-spring-n1260546&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9f500b69d2cb400b804f08d8e4c88e9c%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637510897323700266%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=qUjMi6t1FqaJv%2Bril8zvdWSZhGpUV77cLQVw%2B1tpbSo%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| * With nationwide vaccinations now underway, new claims for jobless benefits will likely continue to decline as businesses reopen, especially restaurants and bars.
* Passage of the coronavirus relief bill will benefit the economy, Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen told MSNBC's Stephanie Ruhle in an interview this week, adding that she hoped the country would be "back to full employment" next year.
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| [**A New Term, the Same Enrollment Losses**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FpJObj60hhd4Ufvbp8Z4fAm4U%2BG1RmbCaFfwanQquVGk%3D_1781fb5423b%3A2843a0%3Afa97248d&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9f500b69d2cb400b804f08d8e4c88e9c%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637510897323700266%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=ZTq8hDbjDoCde2GJAB2Liwiupa0vZl1Tbhtsuelx%2FbA%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [The Chronicle of Higher Education | News, Opinion, Advice about Higher Education](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.chronicle.com%2Farticle%2Fa-new-term-the-same-enrollment-losses&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9f500b69d2cb400b804f08d8e4c88e9c%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637510897323720256%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=8MAr4R2HkwChzP0Cbrn21wIA9SnS4MOKaa480O6GLB8%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| * Community colleges are still the most embattled sector of higher education, with a 9.5-percent decline in enrollment this semester, the same as last fall.
* New data from the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center, released on Thursday, provides an early look at enrollment for the spring semester — and reveals a trend that is now familiar in the wake of the pandemic: Fewer students are enrolled in college.
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| [**House Gives Final Approval To $1.9 Trillion COVID-19 Relief Package**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FsADHxtZ%2FiQmNqUemqKPsHsrALS27IXrQCntkDFMbl00%3D_1781d973bc2%3A7cd62f%3Ade69aeb4&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9f500b69d2cb400b804f08d8e4c88e9c%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637510897323720256%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=i6518e0h5qNTxEUaMeje6eQcsWJFDddmkXNvIG47xMQ%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [News : NPR](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.npr.org%2F2021%2F03%2F10%2F975030323%2Fhouse-gives-final-approval-to-1-9-trillion-covid-19-relief-package&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9f500b69d2cb400b804f08d8e4c88e9c%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637510897323730249%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=3Lif%2BtwVH6%2FQL2tw4tBCprzf%2Fvpcuw%2BkUjs9AVm11tw%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [The bill will deliver a new round of aid to Americans almost a year after the pandemic first upended daily life in the United States. (Image credit: Samuel Corum/Getty Images)](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FsADHxtZ%2FiQmNqUemqKPsHsrALS27IXrQCntkDFMbl00%3D_1781d973bc2%3A7cd62f%3Ade69aeb4&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9f500b69d2cb400b804f08d8e4c88e9c%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637510897323740244%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=0JZyAng9Z4U6QzFgsrjeLYiWESW8TkM9evEJe95BPiY%3D&reserved=0)  |  |

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| [**USDA extends free meals for kids through summer**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fezz8A7EWGAHy1UC0ms%2Fm0qRAagR5Qp4dpGm%2Fx4aLZpc%3D_1781db6f11c%3A806c78%3Ade69aeb4&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9f500b69d2cb400b804f08d8e4c88e9c%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637510897323740244%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=gRfX2coA1TrebYH1k0vrlAuzxF1lTivIj4K8JyzmmEs%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [NBC News Top Stories](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.nbcnews.com%2Fpolitics%2Fpolitics-news%2Fusda-extends-free-meals-kids-through-summer-n1260460&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9f500b69d2cb400b804f08d8e4c88e9c%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637510897323750241%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=7Y%2FEwmVtX2SVl5TbihIeobwmABFJ4%2FgE5n6xTmOGHxk%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| * "These critically needed summer meals will provide relief to many children in families who have been hard-hit by the COVID-19 pandemic and are fighting daily to put food on the table," the department said in a statement.
* Usually, only low-income families are eligible and there are restrictions on where families can pick-up food and how much they can take, but the department has waived these limiters due to the pandemic.
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| [**Community college enrollment sank this fall. But some programs fared better than others.**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fs9CTgOD2rBeTJKl68FD0GbsxW6yVPw0NK2yeedQsWnQ%3D_1781c8e63a9%3A24b568%3A58b3627&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9f500b69d2cb400b804f08d8e4c88e9c%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637510897323760232%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=k%2ByjWJj8CYHWbcHNCiHedCkDNYg9l5Qal89iAxg8L0I%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [Higher Ed Dive](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.highereddive.com%2Fnews%2Fcommunity-college-enrollment-sank-this-fall-but-some-programs-fared-better%2F596356%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9f500b69d2cb400b804f08d8e4c88e9c%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637510897323760232%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=CLwOG8ldJ7brC%2B%2Fa5edfw6h3R2FiMvEdwZno%2BXe%2FZoI%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| * Madison Area Technical College, in Wisconsin, extended some of its hands-on spring semester classes into the summer so students could complete their programs, said Turina Bakken, provost and executive vice president of academic affairs.
* Katrina VanderWoude, president of Los Angeles Trade-Technical College, said many of the school's CTE students had completed a significant amount of in-person training before the pandemic hit and were mostly able to finish courses through virtual simulations.
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| [**What The $300 A Month Child Benefit Could Mean For A Family On The Edge**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fs9CTgOD2rBeTJKl68FD0GbsxW6yVPw0NK2yeedQsWnQ%3D_1781c7b88b8%3A242f3f%3A570c3ac7&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9f500b69d2cb400b804f08d8e4c88e9c%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637510897323770224%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=AYKJr%2Bdn8dIUAVUZpzyAjR9qGUS%2FdIKIqXaIkPSesbY%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [NPR.org](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.npr.org%2F2021%2F03%2F09%2F974830177%2Fwhat-the-300-a-month-child-benefit-could-mean-for-a-family-on-the-edge&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9f500b69d2cb400b804f08d8e4c88e9c%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637510897323770224%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=oYi%2Fb9SWLy74tQHEx3iK%2FLMh58rMCEza8xKeGIWA1Uc%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| * Unlike many benefits aimed at poor children in the United States, this one comes without lots of red tape, time limits or work requirements.
* Ford says she would also like to get the kids some help with their mental health for all that they have been through — homelessness and neighborhood violence.
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| [**COVID-19: A moment for women in STEM?**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fo3SSqIWWG2gYayKaXccfVpg%2FzOCVxn%2FqF9iZLeGk8SI%3D_1781b3c138f%3A34ead0%3Afa97248d&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9f500b69d2cb400b804f08d8e4c88e9c%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637510897323780216%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=FyYukUBPdrG%2F7DDB6y1cfTplUsHCZPSz1a%2F3CCwAg3Y%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [Inside Higher Ed](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.insidehighered.com%2Fnews%2F2021%2F03%2F10%2Fcovid-19-moment-women-stem&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9f500b69d2cb400b804f08d8e4c88e9c%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637510897323780216%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=FSKQISJcL6VetDMmGoygZODFhowi7LMBtDW8yyFLY4E%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| * These papers address the impact of COVID-19 on tenure clocks, evaluation of productivity and career trajectories; boundary management, work-life integrations and household labor; collaboration, mentorship and sponsorship, and the role of networks and professional organizations; academic leadership and decision making; and mental health and well-being of women in STEM.
* How might insights gained about work-life boundaries during the pandemic inform how institutions offer faculty members support, such as reductions in workload, on-site childcare and flexible working options?
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| [**How a decline in community college students is a big problem for the economy**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_1781774c8bd%3Ae87d83%3A3c0f9e74&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9f500b69d2cb400b804f08d8e4c88e9c%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637510897323790209%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=5gEdDYbayjp%2F%2FlWb275hB%2FlWzww6SQ434q6MFyUQb%2Fw%3D&reserved=0) |
| [The Hechinger Report](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fhechingerreport.org%2Fhow-a-decline-in-community-college-students-is-a-big-problem-for-the-economy%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9f500b69d2cb400b804f08d8e4c88e9c%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637510897323790209%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=47Jpsnjmdgga0B8Mmh5ar2vbs371byKnjxCa3xlCTWk%3D&reserved=0) |
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| [**Big year, big change – Community College Daily**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_17817742be2%3A590cfb%3A103950c6&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9f500b69d2cb400b804f08d8e4c88e9c%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637510897323800208%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=8%2BljlrspA2adk%2BvHMVQlRtNy0qm0NdcBRH8r%2BsK7n64%3D&reserved=0) |
| [Community College Daily](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ccdaily.com%2F2021%2F03%2Fbig-year-big-change%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9f500b69d2cb400b804f08d8e4c88e9c%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637510897323810198%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=oiYEEpPqxM6dkM%2FnQ4lPYDDFBWFqwwLvbqQRRb%2FqQaI%3D&reserved=0) |
| * Although it’s been a very difficult year for everyone, and college presidents have been tested like never before, they’ve also found inspiration in how their campus communities have come together in the face of these challenges.
* During his nearly seven years as president of Amarillo College, Russell Lowery-Hart has seen his share of challenges.
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| [**CDC issues guidelines for what people can do once fully vaccinated**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FPabZ8i1QCHv3KpsuDwP%2BIaHjEII8doc1zV63QTNW0N8%3D_17812a4a646%3A1a78512%3Af8f12479&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9f500b69d2cb400b804f08d8e4c88e9c%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637510897323810198%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=tyNHlRVT2oMH9f43OhdPbUH1h3CdBnRs1I5U%2ByBADms%3D&reserved=0) |
| [Washington Post: Breaking News, World, US, DC News & Analysis](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.washingtonpost.com%2Fhealth%2F2021%2F03%2F08%2Fvaccinated-people-cdc-guidance%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9f500b69d2cb400b804f08d8e4c88e9c%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637510897323820193%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=8DhzF5a8bHd7bBzm31ah00Ebmgb8eVAQO3yheQCt34g%3D&reserved=0) |
| * The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said people who are two weeks past their final shot may visit indoors with unvaccinated members of a single household at low risk of severe disease, without wearing masks or distancing.
* It does not explicitly say, for instance, whether vaccinated grandparents can hug and kiss their unvaccinated grandchildren, but it appears to endorse such behavior by saying vaccinated people can safely gather indoors with those in one unvaccinated household without masks or physical distancing, as long as no one is at risk of severe disease.
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| [**New Opportunities to Connect College Students to SNAP**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_17812924c2f%3A9e6855%3A3c0f9e74&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9f500b69d2cb400b804f08d8e4c88e9c%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637510897323820193%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=fWGpQHr7Pc8SEXyjz1mKlE3fetR7TB0zwoRvHKPmNq8%3D&reserved=0) |
| [Public News Service](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.publicnewsservice.org%2F2021-03-08%2Fhunger-food-nutrition%2Fnew-opportunities-to-connect-college-students-to-snap%2Fa73450-1&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9f500b69d2cb400b804f08d8e4c88e9c%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637510897323830189%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=fFWjtuTwgHSa9kBxJuCtXkiXZVYO4wRo8nLu90e5960%3D&reserved=0) |
| * Betsy Suver, bureau chief of SNAP, cash policy and technical assistance for the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, explained two changes, the first of which involves eligibility for work-study students.
* A survey found 38% of students at four-year colleges were food insecure at the start of the pandemic.
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| [**Open spaces, no pharmacies: rural US confronts vaccine void**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fs9CTgOD2rBeTJKl68FD0GbsxW6yVPw0NK2yeedQsWnQ%3D_1781261ee91%3A9c3c27%3Ae57416f4&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9f500b69d2cb400b804f08d8e4c88e9c%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637510897323830189%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=oQgcnXphVfqVqbyRRCYXnIVJP3cJGEcQkTWSeryYnoc%3D&reserved=0) |
| [AP NEWS](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fapnews.com%2Farticle%2Fhealth-coronavirus-pandemic-virginia-19884014220f3697889560f0027c200f&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9f500b69d2cb400b804f08d8e4c88e9c%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637510897323840187%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=f3CNDlZEECIp2c22MA5PaHifXhhCT8PiU6dpRlUFUew%3D&reserved=0) |
| * The study listed 69 counties where Black residents were much more likely to have to travel more than a mile to get to a potential vaccination site, including a pharmacy, a hospital or a federally qualified health center.
* As the nation’s campaign against the coronavirus moves from mass inoculation sites to drugstores and doctors’ offices, getting vaccinated remains a challenge for residents of “pharmacy deserts,” communities without pharmacies or well-equipped health clinics.
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| [**Are you eligible for the FCC's emergency internet discount program? Here's how to find out**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FrCJg7pKVnNYe%2BcGb%2BlsdnTD6zmt4MNGy627zsl0vNH4%3D_17808482200%3A15e60%3A8e19235e&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9f500b69d2cb400b804f08d8e4c88e9c%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637510897323840187%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=FqxKCcxPFv0OopmDyn3Ap2QQF3s70c8y7F3UYIBa024%3D&reserved=0) |  |
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| * The program will provide discounts of up to $50 a month, or $75 on Tribal lands, for broadband service for low-income households.
* The FCC will also provide the benefit to households that meet eligibility criteria for another low-income or Covid-19 discount program from a participating provider.
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| [**Community colleges at a crossroads: Enrollment is plummeting, but political clout is growing**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_17803849a5e%3A3326f9%3A20cfcb2e&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9f500b69d2cb400b804f08d8e4c88e9c%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637510897323850179%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=ZdlHiE70qAleCCm%2BvcGR2JS8kmByw9SrPacktVJQjOo%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [Washington Post](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.washingtonpost.com%2Flocal%2Feducation%2Fcommunity-colleges-biden-covid%2F2021%2F03%2F01%2F7b30a18e-75df-11eb-9537-496158cc5fd9_story.html&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9f500b69d2cb400b804f08d8e4c88e9c%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637510897323860170%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=kW0%2FjkDLfPL%2F70SrT%2BHxyAalw2h9za1hIaOieAhV%2F5o%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| * These two-year public colleges, offering associate’s degrees, workforce training and a low-price opportunity to get started on a bachelor’s degree, had roughly 10 percent fewer students at the beginning of the school year compared with 2019.
* During last year’s campaign, President Biden proposed making tuition free for public college students with annual family income below $125,000.
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| [**US economic recovery finally gains steam**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FrCJg7pKVnNYe%2BcGb%2BlsdnTD6zmt4MNGy627zsl0vNH4%3D_17802a162bf%3A249def%3A63c65adc&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9f500b69d2cb400b804f08d8e4c88e9c%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637510897323860170%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=fNe5Zv1hvuLWNPqSu5PJFpWuV0a2Phw33oqdAHRNEug%3D&reserved=0) |  |
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| * For example, 4.2 million people who have dropped out of the labor force were prevented from looking for a new job due to the pandemic in February, the
* And the labor force participation rate was flat at 61.4% in February.
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