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| [Virginia](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.vec.virginia.gov%2FUI-press-release&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Cab26d28e7e9648c3e66f08d900411bbe%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637541101906337566%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=BSzPaD3JgC6ejY3lvg09vUpSbewi%2BM65h70DElaMktg%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [RICHMOND—The Virginia Employment Commission (VEC) announced that the number of initial claims filed during the most recent filing week were 95% lower than in the comparable week in 2020 when pandemic employment impacts were near their peak.](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_178d6b98f5b%3A88462%3Aad47f3a5&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Cab26d28e7e9648c3e66f08d900411bbe%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637541101906337566%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=daPqy0qPOp2htkdnjk7wpCnEbX%2FkewzMbnx86fQCrI0%3D&reserved=0)  |  |

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| [**Starting Sunday, Virginians will be able to schedule their own vaccine appointments**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_178d6b83ee9%3Aae63b%3A72844833&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Cab26d28e7e9648c3e66f08d900411bbe%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637541101906347558%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=QoxrSDnNsYAgAlIDmriIeKmJlWy9cvEfQ1%2FivIm6MC8%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [dailypress.com](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.pilotonline.com%2Fnews%2Fhealth%2Fvp-nw-covid-19-preregistration-system-change-0409-20210414-kmbhvn3wpffmdiia3ifbj5bncm-story.html&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Cab26d28e7e9648c3e66f08d900411bbe%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637541101906347558%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=oQ1EK6u0CSn3pf6FxJwo0bsnARblA6MDVlh7ntWGxAQ%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [The Virginia Department of Health will still use the statewide vaccination website, which will redirect patients to VaccineFinder to check appointment availability at near by facilities.](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_178d6b83ee9%3Aae63b%3A72844833&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Cab26d28e7e9648c3e66f08d900411bbe%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637541101906357553%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=2uTjNv%2Ba8OJ%2Bfx6%2FjNJfDzc2ThlRkVQdtsW12wYruQY%3D&reserved=0)  |  |

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| [**VHHA report: How COVID-19 affected hospitals in 2020**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fa7ygYK4H%2BO92hOf1WNl7nib1addh8vp%2BrvFuRIia7o8%3D_178d51a2423%3Ad24d42%3Ade69aeb4&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Cab26d28e7e9648c3e66f08d900411bbe%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637541101906357553%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=K8bn4jrUONGJ3b%2B%2BDwJbak%2BonwyOevUyt%2F597%2FyNFZA%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [8News](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.wric.com%2Fnews%2Fvirginia-news%2Fvhha-report-how-covid-19-affected-hospitals-in-2020%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Cab26d28e7e9648c3e66f08d900411bbe%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637541101906367550%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=3JdAopq7WZNxBWxKvzbsef5CGVIDj2jCc1ZAqPnTEqc%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| * The report also gives a closer look into the makeup of COVID-19 patients in Virginia hospitals.
* More than 30,000 people were hospitalized for COVID-19 last year in Virginia hospitals between April and December with the peak starting in September.
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| [**Fed says Fifth District economy shows moderate growth**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fs9CTgOD2rBeTJKl68FD0GbsxW6yVPw0NK2yeedQsWnQ%3D_178d635b629%3A51882b%3A2ef42a87&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Cab26d28e7e9648c3e66f08d900411bbe%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637541101906367550%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=QagLUq7alxmPI8MPGrnZT656uRe4kCopHDwRMelrfSE%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [Virginia Business](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.virginiabusiness.com%2Farticle%2Ffed-says-fifth-district-economy-shows-moderate-growth%2F%3Foly_enc_id%3D0462E7083134D7T&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Cab26d28e7e9648c3e66f08d900411bbe%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637541101906377547%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=f2yMVvHCj63qPbGzlkL55DfQGmD8zc3H9bLBZZJrVNM%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| * The economy has grown “moderately” in recent weeks, with strong production increases, employment rising and consumer spending up in the Federal Reserve’s Fifth District, which includes Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, West Virginia and Maryland, according to the latest edition of the Fed’s Beige Book, released Wednesday.
* Manufacturers are reporting robust growth and demand to the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, citing production challenges because of labor constraints, shipping delays and material shortages.
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| [**Coronavirus update: Virginia reports 1,415 new COVID-19 cases; 22.7% of population fully vaccinated**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fa7ygYK4H%2BO92hOf1WNl7nib1addh8vp%2BrvFuRIia7o8%3D_178d5dd5090%3Aec0722%3Ade69aeb4&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Cab26d28e7e9648c3e66f08d900411bbe%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637541101906377547%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=vuiLFgs1Dzz%2BT%2B%2B7zf5ZNiqX%2B4%2F4ursIqSCv59aOrgE%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [8News](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.wric.com%2Fnews%2Fvirginia-news%2Fcoronavirus-update-virginia-reports-1415-new-covid-19-cases-22-7-of-population-fully-vaccinated%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Cab26d28e7e9648c3e66f08d900411bbe%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637541101906387536%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=GzkEcArg3r5SamvD7xh%2BFae59Su7JE6sQemEKg5uRfw%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| * The Virginia Department of Health reported 1,415 new cases, which includes those who tested positive and people with known exposure to COVID-19.
* More than three million people in the state have received their first COVID-19 vaccine dose.
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| [**Virginia hospitals saw fewer births and more substance abuse-related stays in 2020 - Virginia Mercury**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fs9CTgOD2rBeTJKl68FD0GbsxW6yVPw0NK2yeedQsWnQ%3D_178d62aebc8%3A50b299%3A2ef42a87&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Cab26d28e7e9648c3e66f08d900411bbe%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637541101906387536%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=wrHQLbb2%2F0JVh%2BsPJcvG%2BfCqyWo6m1lp9Rq3uIgiOTg%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [Virginia Mercury](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.virginiamercury.com%2F2021%2F04%2F14%2Fvirginia-hospitals-saw-fewer-births-and-more-substance-abuse-related-stays-in-2020%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Cab26d28e7e9648c3e66f08d900411bbe%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637541101906397530%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=s5qy%2F677a67%2BN9tuVnFFwLbJhKOsSUyEjaH05rJ0iRY%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| * Hospitals in Virginia recorded a significant decline in birth-related visits throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, while alcohol- and drug-related hospitalizations rose compared to previous years
* While the pandemic exacerbated the trend, hospitals have witnessed a growing demand for behavioral health and substance abuse treatment over the last several years, said Julian Walker, the vice president of communications for VHHA.
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| [**Women sue Virginia Employment Commission over 'gross failures'**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fs9CTgOD2rBeTJKl68FD0GbsxW6yVPw0NK2yeedQsWnQ%3D_178d625b9fc%3A50da9d%3Af2384c21&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Cab26d28e7e9648c3e66f08d900411bbe%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637541101906397530%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=6dSoJWkXYosf8gav%2FYFeE2ESbzaZR9nwTRpUyfcaY9w%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [WTVR](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.wtvr.com%2Fnews%2Flocal-news%2Fvirginia-employment-commission-lawsuit&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Cab26d28e7e9648c3e66f08d900411bbe%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637541101906407525%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=uW%2BohWfmI5ZQH59r6gk8iZBmraPvItAaxphnv8yr5gk%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| * (AP) - Five women are suing the leader of the Virginia agency that handles unemployment benefits, alleging “gross failures" to provide needed help as required by law amid the coronavirus pandemic.
* “Legal Aid Works staff have been fielding calls from low-income applicants worried about the lack of response by the VEC, leaving them in legal limbo without payments or access to the appeals process, right when they need this help the most.
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| [**Virginia Issues March 2021 Revenue Report**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_178d1cad4c8%3A12ba62%3A1cd23e21&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Cab26d28e7e9648c3e66f08d900411bbe%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637541101906407525%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=gI1SGNeBRl82etuHaHvTCuuSOLYpOb0powBYKJ1c9VM%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [Virginia](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.governor.virginia.gov%2Fnewsroom%2Fall-releases%2F2021%2Fapril%2Fheadline-894417-en.html&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Cab26d28e7e9648c3e66f08d900411bbe%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637541101906407525%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=tWUAXWsGgmy6itJxLq5QVqwOscQ1wDXy3DiccQzyJlw%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| * RICHMOND —Governor Ralph Northam today announced that total General Fund revenue collections grew 18.5 percent in March with most of the increase due to an additional deposit day for payroll withholding and strong growth in sales and recordation taxes.
* General Fund revenue collections up 18.5 percent from previous year and fiscal year-to-date collections rose 9.0 percent, increase mostly due to payroll withholding timing and strong growth in sales and recordation taxes
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| [**Report: Students in working class, low-income, racial minority backgrounds under-enrolled in Virginia institutions**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fs9CTgOD2rBeTJKl68FD0GbsxW6yVPw0NK2yeedQsWnQ%3D_178cb8f9657%3A30d52d%3A1cd23e21&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Cab26d28e7e9648c3e66f08d900411bbe%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637541101906417520%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=tA2yBPfY%2F3ofy%2B%2BDfpOQmz4m9upupkj9xsXmLL%2BnXUA%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [WAVY.com](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.wavy.com%2Fnews%2Feducation%2Freport-students-in-working-class-low-income-racial-minority-backgrounds-under-enrolled-in-virginia-institutions%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Cab26d28e7e9648c3e66f08d900411bbe%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637541101906417520%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=TzPrgmiH3TIM4Gm6r42bSsxiCVWuJivuanHhIMfAQy8%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [WASHINGTON (WAVY) — A Virginia nonprofit and advocacy organization’s recent issue brief says students from working class, low-income, and racial minority backgrounds are under-enrolled in the state’s leading public and private colleges.](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fs9CTgOD2rBeTJKl68FD0GbsxW6yVPw0NK2yeedQsWnQ%3D_178cb8f9657%3A30d52d%3A1cd23e21&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Cab26d28e7e9648c3e66f08d900411bbe%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637541101906427512%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=Jbzt6cQkYqyDmOBEQpJ0qLgY3EbJYK63ts7QyDPBTZ0%3D&reserved=0)  |  |

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| [**Editorial: Looking ahead, Virginia must ramp up its messaging with younger populations**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fs9CTgOD2rBeTJKl68FD0GbsxW6yVPw0NK2yeedQsWnQ%3D_178cb8df795%3A2e7404%3A14c5a0c7&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Cab26d28e7e9648c3e66f08d900411bbe%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637541101906427512%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=Oj65An4Gtyb4ySqMf5jJ4PwS8h%2BzuVUcXhwHvIhY%2Bq8%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [Richmond Times-Dispatch](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Frichmond.com%2Fopinion%2Feditorial%2Feditorial-looking-ahead-virginia-must-ramp-up-its-messaging-with-younger-populations%2Farticle_69346d40-e462-5608-81b0-96e7b5fda4ef.html&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Cab26d28e7e9648c3e66f08d900411bbe%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637541101906437511%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=lj%2BoU825BixHKls2Al5oGv6FoeDEvGNN14ahlKUgmGE%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [But the coronavirus affects all ages and national trends show that amid new variants, younger, unvaccinated populations also are at risk of getting sick. A Sunday CNN report noted that the seven-day national average is 68,000 daily cases, up 20% from one month ago.](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fs9CTgOD2rBeTJKl68FD0GbsxW6yVPw0NK2yeedQsWnQ%3D_178cb8df795%3A2e7404%3A14c5a0c7&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Cab26d28e7e9648c3e66f08d900411bbe%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637541101906437511%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=87TH5s6sRUe3aNGUbynY0ls6latNXNuFLnW%2Br0WUqGI%3D&reserved=0)  |  |

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| [**A legal debate is swirling about whether colleges can require COVID shots**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fs9CTgOD2rBeTJKl68FD0GbsxW6yVPw0NK2yeedQsWnQ%3D_178cb8c12e9%3A2db189%3A869c686d&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Cab26d28e7e9648c3e66f08d900411bbe%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637541101906447502%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=V5CoMbAVqQ6c8Uj3ag%2F1vKzD%2B7yvT%2BHTjfu0U0vekJE%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [Richmond Times-Dispatch](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Frichmond.com%2Fnews%2Flocal%2Feducation%2Fa-legal-debate-is-swirling-about-whether-colleges-can-require-covid-shots%2Farticle_2830a3b9-42a7-5ed2-8eb3-e29bb4c88b39.html&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Cab26d28e7e9648c3e66f08d900411bbe%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637541101906447502%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=X7J9W6GNUUy%2F6ggB2JSLJrEb4aFOvdAefi1EsJ46U4o%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| * Keam questioned why emergency-use authorization isn’t enough for universities to mandate vaccines.
* Originally, drugs were given emergency-use authorization because health experts didn’t know if the drug was effective, but trying it and taking a risk were better than nothing, Lee said.
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| [**'She-cession': The pandemic has hit women in the workforce hard. Here how some are coping**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fs9CTgOD2rBeTJKl68FD0GbsxW6yVPw0NK2yeedQsWnQ%3D_178c6d499c8%3Aaa6776%3Af2384c21&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Cab26d28e7e9648c3e66f08d900411bbe%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637541101906457497%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=2buHL%2FF0b741if2pjuQE3NqW5QbSPxR2SgzVpZI4GDM%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| [Roanoke Times](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Froanoke.com%2Fbusiness%2Flocal%2Fshe-cession-the-pandemic-has-hit-women-in-the-workforce-hard-here-how-some-are%2Farticle_d685089a-9326-11eb-a7e9-8bc727341108.html&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Cab26d28e7e9648c3e66f08d900411bbe%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637541101906457497%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=ehP82U%2BnbSSNRU0psQr9opehwctIxMskmRGt45K%2BRdI%3D&reserved=0) |  |
| * The responsibility often fell to working mothers, Ge said, because of “the sort of traditional specialization of labor within the home.”
* Some sectors dominated by women, such as the travel, restaurant and personal care industries, many of which require close physical proximity to others, were particularly battered by the pandemic, Ge said.
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| [**COVID-19 cases are growing among younger Virginians, worrying state health officials**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FZlfaun7gHjf%2BezBb4FuuczpsZ%2FrJH5fsT39QwuFW9Bk%3D_178c4416afe%3A179c428%3Ad4b86a5d&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Cab26d28e7e9648c3e66f08d900411bbe%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637541101906467490%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=VLGrGlrwRguUMNNMxbIAc7UlDw7juLtTsvgoIoGKKuA%3D&reserved=0) |
| [Virginia Mercury](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.virginiamercury.com%2F2021%2F04%2F12%2Fcovid-19-cases-are-growing-among-younger-virginians-worrying-state-health-officials%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Cab26d28e7e9648c3e66f08d900411bbe%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637541101906467490%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=MO%2FTaAleOliHwVt%2FEDpohXGiztLAPJIL4ljmyDudOHw%3D&reserved=0) |
| * Virginia data suggests that children and younger adults are contributing in a major way to the continued spread of COVID-19 — a trend that’s worrying health officials as the state continues a vaccination campaign described by many experts as “ a race between variants and the vaccine .”
* In Richmond, for example — where there’s been a slight increase in cases among 20 to 29-year-olds — early outbreak data has indicated that cases resulting from the B.1.1.7 variant may cause more symptoms among younger patients who previously had more asymptomatic infections.
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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%7Cab26d28e7e9648c3e66f08d900411bbe%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637541101905987764%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=20i4n8sO62vbYrfNSz8mTz2MqxzLRZ5Fo04gO0fi19I%3D&reserved=0) |

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| [**US jobless claims plunge to 576,000, lowest since pandemic**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_178d69783d4%3A737c2%3A869c686d&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Cab26d28e7e9648c3e66f08d900411bbe%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637541101906077721%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=iqYsNpMYZG%2Fow19%2Bx4TxjsEWJyZy84BPKLk0%2BAwdY1M%3D&reserved=0) |
| [AP NEWS](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fapnews.com%2Farticle%2Fus-jobless-claims-plunge-576k-847d7a5ef85bea2cbbfcce0866595084&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Cab26d28e7e9648c3e66f08d900411bbe%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637541101906087711%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=9CnGMfq855X2jckJGN9IKAUyJZJerxy5W7%2FmGkqjibc%3D&reserved=0) |
| * The decline in unemployment claims coincides with other evidence that the economy is strengthening as vaccinations accelerate, pandemic business restrictions are lifted in many states and Americans appear increasingly willing to travel, shop, eat out and otherwise spend again.
* WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of Americans applying for unemployment benefits tumbled last week to 576,000, a post-COVID low and a hopeful sign that layoffs are easing as the economy recovers from the pandemic recession.
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| [**Building Bridges For Transfer Students Requires Collaboration and Coordination - Huron**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_178d696c8a1%3A72b71%3A869c686d&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Cab26d28e7e9648c3e66f08d900411bbe%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637541101906087711%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=H9zfO5eGVleeaw2D49kPqwhxPYWJpksdZKtVV2e9KGo%3D&reserved=0) |
| [Huron Consulting Group](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.huronconsultinggroup.com%2Finsights%2Fbuilding-bridges-transfer-students-collaboration-coordination%3Futm_source%3Dace%26utm_medium%3Dpaidtrade%26utm_content%3Dbuildingbridgesfortransferstudents-newsletter-7014O000001mQdhQAE%26utm_campaign%3D2021-he-studentsuccess&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Cab26d28e7e9648c3e66f08d900411bbe%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637541101906097704%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=4npqnqbq2dwYhKhJ8C54pq%2BjpZ3HA6A2rGvBRALak3c%3D&reserved=0) |
| * To build a bridge that seamlessly supports student transfers, four- and two-year institutions must think carefully about how they broker strategic discussions, nurture and explore new partnerships, and make changes that improve the transfer student journey from start to finish.
* To curb these trends and remain resilient, leaders across public and private four year institutions and community colleges are focused on supporting transfer students as they map their educational journeys in an era of uncertainty, economic hardship and disruption.
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| [**Pre- and Post-COVID, Technology Is Reshaping Admissions Forever**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fo3SSqIWWG2gYayKaXccfVpg%2FzOCVxn%2FqF9iZLeGk8SI%3D_178d47e7319%3Aad734e%3Aacf96747&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Cab26d28e7e9648c3e66f08d900411bbe%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637541101906097704%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=u0nOSiVlKMsuxRG8ljXr%2FC7vvRT7dEWqGSqa%2BWHdvFA%3D&reserved=0) |
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| * After studying the lessons learned from an unprecedented recruiting season, we’re left to wonder how admissions teams might reach future students in a more effective, efficient and personalized way.
* While there’s no way to predict how college-age students might approach higher education post-pandemic, it is foolish to believe that current trends won’t have some lasting effects.
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| [**Why mental health is the key to dealing with learning loss**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2F0W80EAuJS5tzkM0uuvVlgfkQ7WdY0Hy%2BhCSAmiTROqc%3D_178d45ee83a%3Abc093b%3Ade69aeb4&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Cab26d28e7e9648c3e66f08d900411bbe%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637541101906117690%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=ue4DlKr32CiBDOF8TlE%2BOLfYi779ioTUdHbnTc0tGl4%3D&reserved=0) |  |
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| * That’s why it’s so important for schools to prioritize students’ mental health before delving into academics, said Amy Cranston, executive director for the Social Emotional Learning Alliance for California.
* Schools should also adopt a comprehensive plan to address students’ social-emotional needs and provide help for students with more serious mental health issues, according to the report, which includes several examples of surveys that schools can use.
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| [**The Disproportionate Impact of the Pandemic on Women and Caregivers in Academia**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FpJObj60hhd4Ufvbp8Z4fAm4U%2BG1RmbCaFfwanQquVGk%3D_178d24ae8e7%3A83529a%3Afa97248d&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7Cab26d28e7e9648c3e66f08d900411bbe%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637541101906127684%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=BsCavCxnI%2F6xkpGOxBgmr2WErzdIsN67ohpwhv8d7mk%3D&reserved=0) |  |
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| * Recent research points to new gender gaps in productivity and publishing, with fewer women publishing articles and manuscripts.[1] And in addition to these professional challenges, women in academia are also facing unique personal challenges during the pandemic, including balancing childcare and home responsibilities while working towards achieving tenure in an academic pipeline where it is already challenging for women to succeed.[2]
* Even when taking into account whether faculty have substantial care-giving responsibilities for other people in their household, a gender gap remained, with 66 percent of women caregivers reporting that they conducted research much less than planned compared with 56 percent of men caregivers.
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