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| |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | | April 01, 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%7C9c4579f46e534b8c018b08d8f540b054%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637529005492061629%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=Nd6pt8HVsMeh9Nh7xRqpwGHv5mW0p3S7gcrwOODeHfM%3D&reserved=0" \t "_blank)** |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | [**Virginia Employment Commission**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_1788eb210a2%3A85ac79%3A24e3a369&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9c4579f46e534b8c018b08d8f540b054%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637529005492121591%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=ANb6eZtghKtyyvV8W31XLRATt0k3DSizCS%2BiApSmRV4%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%7C9c4579f46e534b8c018b08d8f540b054%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637529005492121591%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=t2O6lL56Y2vwUYuo3hHExOqHrFyMon3XMWlC3XD91xI%3D&reserved=0) |  | | * The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 714,433 in the week ending March 27, an increase of 63,282 (or 9.7 percent) from the previous week. * For the filing week ending March 27, the figure for seasonally unadjusted initial claims in Virginia was 28,244. |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | [**J. Stephen Jones and Anne M. Kress column: G3: Creating a more robust, equitable Virginia economy**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fs9CTgOD2rBeTJKl68FD0GbsxW6yVPw0NK2yeedQsWnQ%3D_1788e1b1d53%3A7c48f3%3A2ef42a87&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9c4579f46e534b8c018b08d8f540b054%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637529005492131585%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=Uc7DNRszVDRoEAWHcUVebZlTjDcpffy9a7%2BJi5WgF%2FA%3D&reserved=0) |  | | [Richmond Times-Dispatch](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Frichmond.com%2Fopinion%2Fcolumnists%2Fj-stephen-jones-and-anne-m-kress-column-g3-creating-a-more-robust-equitable-virginia%2Farticle_2d58fe16-a102-5183-b789-904e5191a0d2.html&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9c4579f46e534b8c018b08d8f540b054%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637529005492131585%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=bt1DVaKMDI9m2ZMkBNZM5qKr%2FW8q3VKhpcvffMlJBBg%3D&reserved=0) |  | | * In December 2019, Gov. Ralph Northam visited Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) and announced a commitment to provide Virginia students, families and businesses a lifeline. * G3 — the “Get Skilled, Get a Job, Give Back” initiative — would provide free community college training to low- and middle-income students seeking skills in high-demand fields like health care, cybersecurity and information technology. |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | [**COVID-19 creates unemployment spike in recent college graduates**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fs9CTgOD2rBeTJKl68FD0GbsxW6yVPw0NK2yeedQsWnQ%3D_1788e19d11a%3A80e870%3A1cd23e21&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9c4579f46e534b8c018b08d8f540b054%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637529005492141580%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=hfSIXXdWghmIi3XLXwoAMEvkDjZ%2BveFJtfOLJ025Kj4%3D&reserved=0) |  | | [The Breeze](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.breezejmu.org%2Fnews%2Fcovid-19-creates-unemployment-spike-in-recent-college-graduates%2Farticle_7b6a546a-923b-11eb-9110-9ff3bf8c4751.html&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9c4579f46e534b8c018b08d8f540b054%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637529005492141580%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=UlYLOyXAfM4ScuW693UQOzAr0%2FbIPi0BKj1RV7Ay4sE%3D&reserved=0) |  | | * According to data collected by the New York Federal Reserve, the U.S. Census Bureau and the Bureau of Labor Statistics, in March 2020, the unemployment rate among recent college graduates was only 3.8%. * Careers in the performing arts have been severely hit by the pandemic, as reflected in the rate of underemployed college graduates with that degree. |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | [**Governor Northam Acts on Budget, Remaining Bills from 2021 Special Session**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_1788e0ebbe6%3A7d24c9%3A56ac6c25&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9c4579f46e534b8c018b08d8f540b054%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637529005492151574%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=OsEdORusebupue6e403gknM7pjedZrZjHyAukHihlOk%3D&reserved=0) |  | | [Virginia](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.governor.virginia.gov%2Fnewsroom%2Fall-releases%2F2021%2Fmarch%2Fheadline-894142-en.html&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9c4579f46e534b8c018b08d8f540b054%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637529005492151574%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=qa2Q3k6hLIFzByX0Wa4S47Pi1Xw80M%2FKq%2FUIEMOziGs%3D&reserved=0) |  | | * Newly-signed laws include measures to ensure schools provide safe, in-person learning opportunities for students during the pandemic, ban firearms at polling locations, extend eviction protections, and provide paid sick leave to home health care workers. * New laws require in-school learning opportunities, extend eviction protections, provide paid sick leave for home health care workers |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | [**Virginia will ease some coronavirus restrictions starting April 1**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_1788e09a51a%3A7b4fe3%3Aad47f3a5&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9c4579f46e534b8c018b08d8f540b054%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637529005492161567%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=wi7wvNxpV2ybFIQzYgehcL1Xne4QmYMMlwfmgx0ftag%3D&reserved=0) |  | | [WJLA](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwjla.com%2Fnews%2Flocal%2Fvirginia-easing-some-coronavirus-restrictions-april-1&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9c4579f46e534b8c018b08d8f540b054%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637529005492161567%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=kcoJQ%2Bl0GXxLdvIE5%2ForP3V%2FdXH36ohkwMBKqTH6RFE%3D&reserved=0) |  | | [Virginia will ease several coronavirus restrictions effective Thursday, April 1. Governor Ralph Northam made the announcement last week, and says the changes will impact social gatherings, entertainment venues, and recreational sporting events.](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_1788e09a51a%3A7b4fe3%3Aad47f3a5&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9c4579f46e534b8c018b08d8f540b054%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637529005492171566%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=PifZNp5kWIzcwXryAArMiyFWPgl8zLOL2GYjTYYvbqE%3D&reserved=0) |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | [**Virginia sees 1,825 new coronavirus cases, now reporting 620,801 statewide**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_1788e067512%3A7bbc83%3Ac1bc6237&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9c4579f46e534b8c018b08d8f540b054%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637529005492171566%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=h6hWnUhFMFriRWJYpnm%2FQuuNplDCu6F7ihpRWBF9wzY%3D&reserved=0) |  | | [WSLS](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.wsls.com%2Fnews%2Fvirginia%2F2021%2F04%2F01%2Fvirginia-sees-1825-new-coronavirus-cases-now-reporting-620801-statewide%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9c4579f46e534b8c018b08d8f540b054%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637529005492181562%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=aRAlWHhHETin89RNwUpqoOBFf35AOe63wT01UqQS19Q%3D&reserved=0) |  | | [As of April 1, Virginia is reporting 620,801 cases of the coronavirus across the commonwealth since March 2020. [Where are Virginia’s coronavirus cases? The latest from the health department]](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_1788e067512%3A7bbc83%3Ac1bc6237&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9c4579f46e534b8c018b08d8f540b054%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637529005492181562%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=m0D97%2B2FlQNMRQ3%2FB65%2BlXa2dh7qHz8vlhybJsyDo4A%3D&reserved=0) |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | [**Governor Northam Announces Virginia to Expand Vaccine Eligibility to All Adults by April 18 as Vaccinations Continue Rising**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_1788e03bb04%3A7caf88%3A72844833&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9c4579f46e534b8c018b08d8f540b054%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637529005492181562%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=WdoxHDRRMbpxRUE8l5s1wk5MQa%2BJm3aqCca8nZw7s1k%3D&reserved=0) |  | | [Virginia](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.governor.virginia.gov%2Fnewsroom%2Fall-releases%2F2021%2Fapril%2Fheadline-894153-en.html&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9c4579f46e534b8c018b08d8f540b054%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637529005492191556%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=Tjfi776OT%2BHL%2BO1RQiBUZbroLYeGZd%2BdQj1IFiaVYjE%3D&reserved=0) |  | | * Twenty-one of Virginia’s 35 local health districts have already started vaccinating essential workers in Phase 1c after providing appointments to everyone eligible in Phases 1a or 1b on the pre-registration list. * In addition to adopting phased eligibility based on risk, Virginia has focused on equity throughout its vaccination effort by providing targeted resources in multiple languages, scheduling clinics in collaboration with community partners, performing grassroots outreach to drive pre-registration and scheduling, and implementing large, state-run Community Vaccination Centers in areas with vulnerable populations. |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | [**Virginia establishes tuition-free community college for high-demand fields**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fs9CTgOD2rBeTJKl68FD0GbsxW6yVPw0NK2yeedQsWnQ%3D_1788924de6d%3A315404%3A24e3a369&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9c4579f46e534b8c018b08d8f540b054%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637529005492191556%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=loKRbo40fWBtTvUSKLnGFuTRO29Qc5VDdwPfVIV8Qm8%3D&reserved=0) |  | | [Higher Ed Dive](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.highereddive.com%2Fnews%2Fvirginia-establishes-tuition-free-community-college-for-high-demand-fields%2F597574%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9c4579f46e534b8c018b08d8f540b054%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637529005492201544%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=gvfFb4VVUguF9nItcdq0fvu7VPwep%2FA06WTMlH3zBD8%3D&reserved=0) |  | | * Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam signed legislation Monday establishing tuition-free community college for low- and middle-income students studying for jobs in high-demand fields. * The program targets students pursuing degrees in such industries as healthcare, computer science and early childhood education within the Virginia Community College System, according to the governor's office . |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | [**Virginia aims to combat COVID vaccine hesitancy, access issues in effort to reach herd immunity**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fa7ygYK4H%2BO92hOf1WNl7nib1addh8vp%2BrvFuRIia7o8%3D_178711fe35c%3A244daba%3A615bd155&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9c4579f46e534b8c018b08d8f540b054%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637529005492211540%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=e2LDq6q1%2BbG7%2F4%2BhIoG5%2FT3qmKZBHYxFIdNTw1nqjFs%3D&reserved=0) |  | | [8News](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.wric.com%2Fhealth%2Fcoronavirus%2Fvirginia-aims-to-combat-covid-vaccine-hesitancy-access-issues-in-effort-to-reach-herd-immunity%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9c4579f46e534b8c018b08d8f540b054%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637529005492211540%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=Zt94Libq%2BPgAaVh9XEvbmT7rH%2FYuqCVg5rAHrrLGJgI%3D&reserved=0) |  | | * (WRIC) -- Virginia is still on track to have all adults eligible for a coronavirus vaccine by late April or May 1, the state's vaccine coordinator said Friday, but hesitancy from residents could make reaching herd immunity more difficult. * Dr. Danny Avula, appointed as Virginia's vaccine coordinator in January, reiterated previous assessments in a press call Friday that vaccinating at least 75% of the general population, the expected benchmark for herd immunity, will happen at the end of the summer. |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | [**Virginia Schools Face Enrollment Declines During COVID-19**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fs9CTgOD2rBeTJKl68FD0GbsxW6yVPw0NK2yeedQsWnQ%3D_178836ce5fd%3Ab62c53%3A3c448b4e&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9c4579f46e534b8c018b08d8f540b054%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637529005492221538%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=fB%2BnDMisbL%2BztCUHDOU4nDHF7jp0mDwfUM80t5ELudo%3D&reserved=0) |  | | [VPM.org](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fvpm.org%2Fnews%2Farticles%2F21353%2Fvirginia-schools-face-enrollment-declines-during-covid-19&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9c4579f46e534b8c018b08d8f540b054%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637529005492221538%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=QT9k9%2FWl0nLtfYDdOPp2RwGoTrpdwRD25GnStgtAepM%3D&reserved=0) |  | | * Less new students enrolled in Virginia colleges and universities for the 2020-2021 school year, according to a new report. * “That could be a precursor to lower attainment rates in the future, threatening our ability to reach our goal of having 70% of the working age population in Virginia earn a college degree by 2030,” and have a negative impact on employers seeking skilled workers, Allison said. |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | [**What Virginia's school outbreak dashboard can — and can't — say about the risks of reopening**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fs9CTgOD2rBeTJKl68FD0GbsxW6yVPw0NK2yeedQsWnQ%3D_17882eab9d5%3Aacb4a8%3A3c448b4e&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9c4579f46e534b8c018b08d8f540b054%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637529005492231528%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=D%2BdPg9EveCBWzVYtpCnt3gFY8nS9SToKwPuA1UbWRRk%3D&reserved=0) |  | | [Virginia Mercury](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.virginiamercury.com%2F2021%2F03%2F29%2Fwhat-virginias-school-outbreak-dashboard-can-and-cant-say-about-the-risks-of-reopening%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9c4579f46e534b8c018b08d8f540b054%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637529005492231528%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=LOzkXs1MW%2Fhr7msa1W6JQr8s3422d%2BlskMaksQcDCFw%3D&reserved=0) |  | | * The data includes the name of each school, the locality and the number of cases associated with the outbreak (the exact numbers for small case counts aren’t disclosed to preserve anonymity, according to the Virginia Department of Health). * In the meantime, the state’s outbreak dashboard is another metric that’s frequently consulted by parents and others looking to glean information about virus transmission risks in schools. |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | [**Governor Northam Announces Commonwealth’s Unemployment Rate Dropped to 5.2 Percent in February**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_1786f466ec0%3A131a17%3A706829a1&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9c4579f46e534b8c018b08d8f540b054%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637529005492241525%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=b4HglE7ybZ34BiEYSu%2FAoGn5iYLfaViiHoLcqPT8Znw%3D&reserved=0) |  | | [Virginia](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.governor.virginia.gov%2Fnewsroom%2Fall-releases%2F2021%2Fmarch%2Fheadline-894035-en.html&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9c4579f46e534b8c018b08d8f540b054%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637529005492241525%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=bq1jVxpm9ZT9%2BIw19oATWgFSY0B3PcyYPu9IC8GsB24%3D&reserved=0) |  | | * RICHMOND— Governor Ralph Northam today announced that Virginia’s unemployment rate fell to 5.2 percent in February, which is 2.7 percentage points above the rate from one year ago. * Virginia’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate continues to be below the national rate of 6.2 percent. |  | |  | | |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | [**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%7C9c4579f46e534b8c018b08d8f540b054%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637529005491831755%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=i0UlXSCIS02otBz3VZUvrGo0wrcz2K7BMin2Pf6%2BhW0%3D&reserved=0) | | | |  | | --- | | [**Rise in U.S. weekly jobless claims belies improving labor market conditions**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_1788e5955f1%3A8124be%3A9208205f&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9c4579f46e534b8c018b08d8f540b054%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637529005491901717%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=4xRdfx%2ByeylC3byHgFzxFjZD4b7mxq40vhNlUowiJuU%3D&reserved=0) | | [U.S.](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.reuters.com%2Farticle%2Fus-usa-economy-idUSKBN2BO5G5&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9c4579f46e534b8c018b08d8f540b054%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637529005491911710%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=vzJCO1R5TvcZakxmhd3hWZHxmrbsUnncSZpT%2BjuXmWM%3D&reserved=0) | | * That was confirmed by other data on Thursday showing a measure of manufacturing activity soared to its strongest level in more than 37 years in March, with employment at factories the highest since February 2018. * WASHINGTON (Reuters) -The number of Americans filing new claims for unemployment benefits unexpectedly rose last week, though the labor market recovery is gaining traction as economic activity picks up, driven by increased vaccinations and massive fiscal stimulus. | | | |  | | --- | | [**A post-COVID reinvention of higher education**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_1788e52fd2c%3A81ba34%3A56ac6c25&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9c4579f46e534b8c018b08d8f540b054%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637529005491911710%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=5ONTfWC90u4A2kawPjEw5pGmKskyc%2BJUd4RU2pTED1g%3D&reserved=0) | | [TheHill](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fthehill.com%2Fopinion%2Feducation%2F545639-a-post-covid-reinvention-of-higher-education&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9c4579f46e534b8c018b08d8f540b054%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637529005491921702%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=FFRu0F%2FeCCiTKEy3ShCgUiIPjrCLLo9GHjAGr0pE83M%3D&reserved=0) | | [A post-COVID reinvention of higher education By Bobby Jindal, opinion contributor — 03/31/21 11:01 AM EDT The views expressed by contributors are their own and not the view of The Hill](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FFy3VJ11srJ7WiTPM6nbL06kpPr28ZRWFGN1T1qh7ocA%3D_1788e52fd2c%3A81ba34%3A56ac6c25&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9c4579f46e534b8c018b08d8f540b054%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637529005491921702%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=9aqw85aDFAHmDUcZz35fMI6uDr%2B6%2Fr1izQDLODpEB5c%3D&reserved=0) | | | |  | | --- | | [**Biden’s infrastructure plan includes billions for two-year colleges**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FyT%2BeOE3Q975AwLALTpvdZ%2FHttzCyCe5XsEd8RhhAhk0%3D_1788b50f45e%3Aad755b%3Aacf96747&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9c4579f46e534b8c018b08d8f540b054%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637529005491931697%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=31uR6d2iH9R%2BLXARjYiuZ7UCNfgVm3AOIc9DOnOBjuI%3D&reserved=0) | | [Community College Daily](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.ccdaily.com%2F2021%2F03%2Fbidens-infrastructure-plan-includes-billions-for-two-year-colleges%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9c4579f46e534b8c018b08d8f540b054%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637529005491931697%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=cXc3KF25Xb3GOzUlCWgd11eOY3LSuhJaR0aR3sHLtkk%3D&reserved=0) | | * President Joe Biden’s massive proposal to revamp the nation’s infrastructure – which includes roads, bridges, buildings, water systems, airports, electrical grids, green energy, broadband and more – will include $12 billion for infrastructure projects at community colleges and $100 billion for workforce development and job retraining. * The proposal also pitches expanded job training and services to prepare workers for the jobs it would create. | | | |  | | --- | | [**Jobs in these industries are already back to pre-pandemic levels**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2FrCJg7pKVnNYe%2BcGb%2BlsdnTD6zmt4MNGy627zsl0vNH4%3D_1788dcb6e39%3A7a7373%3Ad4feb00d&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9c4579f46e534b8c018b08d8f540b054%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637529005491931697%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=Sb6VxS%2FRcYXmhK%2BTjAbGU0qgxq1IXXv1kJlTPgFk69M%3D&reserved=0) | | [CNN.com - RSS Channel - HP Hero](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cnn.com%2F2021%2F04%2F01%2Feconomy%2Fpandemic-jobs-recovery%2Findex.html&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9c4579f46e534b8c018b08d8f540b054%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637529005491941688%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=1140i%2BM4lcnWDnWQclU6yJ1oGEc%2BQH9s2eq9A6boDEs%3D&reserved=0" \t "_blank) | | * Economists expect Friday's labor report will show US employers added 647,000 jobs in March. Unemployment is forecast to fall to 6%, an improvement from the 6.2% rate reported for February. Even if job gains hit that estimate, it will leave the overall economy with about 8.8 million fewer jobs than in February 2020 when Covid-19 started reshaping the US economy. * But a number of sectors have already come back to their pre-pandemic employment levels. And many of those sectors will keep those gains even when the pandemic is in the rearview mirror. | | | |  | | --- | | [**Adult Students' Access and Success in Higher Ed: The Key Podcast**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fs9CTgOD2rBeTJKl68FD0GbsxW6yVPw0NK2yeedQsWnQ%3D_1788927e963%3A31f923%3A2ef42a87&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9c4579f46e534b8c018b08d8f540b054%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637529005491941688%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=ahbwVRbe6OP389klpZjVfW5j60YXymFlrMNiv4kNd0g%3D&reserved=0) | | [Inside Higher Ed | Higher Education News, Career Advice, Jobs](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.insidehighered.com%2Fquicktakes%2F2021%2F03%2F31%2Fadult-students-access-and-success-higher-ed-key-podcast&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9c4579f46e534b8c018b08d8f540b054%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637529005491951688%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=PJZ46NpGMdu0DdvtQbv5QO4D0C4R%2Bd6p2yvMcC9f30o%3D&reserved=0) | | [Adult students are key to meeting postsecondary attainment goals in many states and the U.S., given the projected enrollment declines in traditional college-age Americans. Yet adults remain underrepresented in higher education, and they’ve been disproportionately hurt by the pandemic and ensuring recession.](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fs9CTgOD2rBeTJKl68FD0GbsxW6yVPw0NK2yeedQsWnQ%3D_1788927e963%3A31f923%3A2ef42a87&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9c4579f46e534b8c018b08d8f540b054%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637529005491951688%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=ae%2B2wGhPLTG24a%2FgRkMa%2FGoiqv%2FtaeJQMZCt56fiyoM%3D&reserved=0) | | | |  | | --- | | [**Adjunct college faculty taking the biggest hit from pandemic job losses**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fs9CTgOD2rBeTJKl68FD0GbsxW6yVPw0NK2yeedQsWnQ%3D_178892547fb%3A3374ac%3A72844833&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9c4579f46e534b8c018b08d8f540b054%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637529005491961684%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=7T%2FM6o22S7Vo9XD5kc81OV4FmQXYTsqvn4lxLAE7fSg%3D&reserved=0) | | [Higher Ed Dive](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.highereddive.com%2Fnews%2Fadjunct-college-faculty-taking-the-biggest-hit-from-pandemic-job-losses%2F597587%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9c4579f46e534b8c018b08d8f540b054%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637529005491961684%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=iLx4a0EtlKYBoEW3UrFo3Z0qmbvpJM4iS4fnRdj5wDU%3D&reserved=0) | | * Higher education institutions employed 5% fewer adjunct faculty during the current academic year compared to the year before, according to the latest annual data from the College and University Professional Association for Human Resources. * Only at associate institutions did tenure-track faculty report a similar decrease as adjuncts, with a drop of nearly 8%. | | | |  | | --- | | [**#RealCollege 2021: Basic Needs Insecurity During the Ongoing Pandemic**](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffeedly.com%2Fi%2Fentry%2Fs9CTgOD2rBeTJKl68FD0GbsxW6yVPw0NK2yeedQsWnQ%3D_17889238919%3A33952d%3A14c5a0c7&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9c4579f46e534b8c018b08d8f540b054%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637529005491971674%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=orOqgyRG7yG04FXy5QWOgOiY%2FJirwhmCOa%2FQ9YJkM7U%3D&reserved=0) | | [The Hope Center](https://nam11.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fhope4college.com%2Frc2021-bni-during-the-ongoing-pandemic%2F&data=04%7C01%7Cjandre%40vccs.edu%7C9c4579f46e534b8c018b08d8f540b054%7Cfab6beb5360442dfbddcf4e9ddd654d5%7C0%7C0%7C637529005491971674%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=xU62xGD%2Fle4toYVKcvRuB%2B3PwwstDQJjclfmhIrhGFw%3D&reserved=0) | | * We analyze results from the 2020 #RealCollege Survey, completed by more than 195,000 students attending 202 colleges and universities in 42 states. * Enrollment was down—particularly among students most at risk of basic needs insecurity; fewer students had completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid; and college retention rates had dropped. | | |  | | |