

# COVID Vaccines in Schools: Prioritizing Equity

State Health Commisioner's Advisory Council on Health Disparities & Health Equity

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### **Presentation Outline**

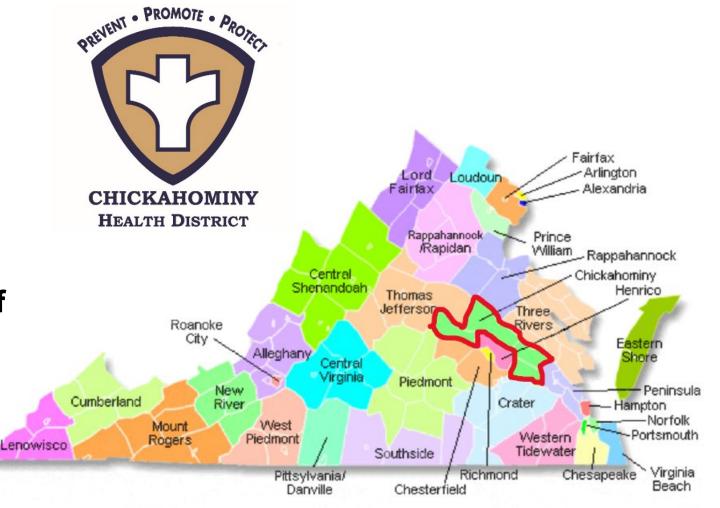
- Overview of Chickahominy Health District
- COVID Response Team Structure (Population Health Integration)
- School Partnerships
- School Vaccine Clinics & Equity
- CHD Vaccine Campaign Community Champions
- Lessons Learned
- Questions



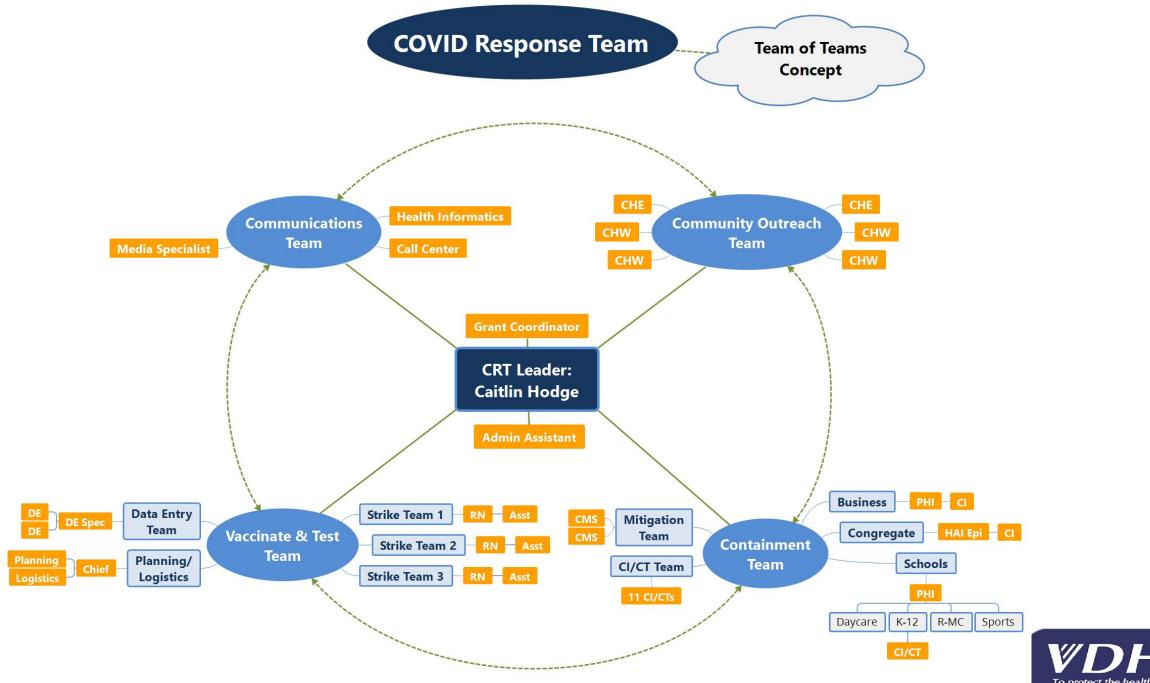
# **Chickahominy Health District**

#### **Overview:**

- Counties of Charles City, Goochland, Hanover, New Kent
- District population = 160,000
- Regular LHD staff = 43 FTE
- COVID Response Team = 44 staff

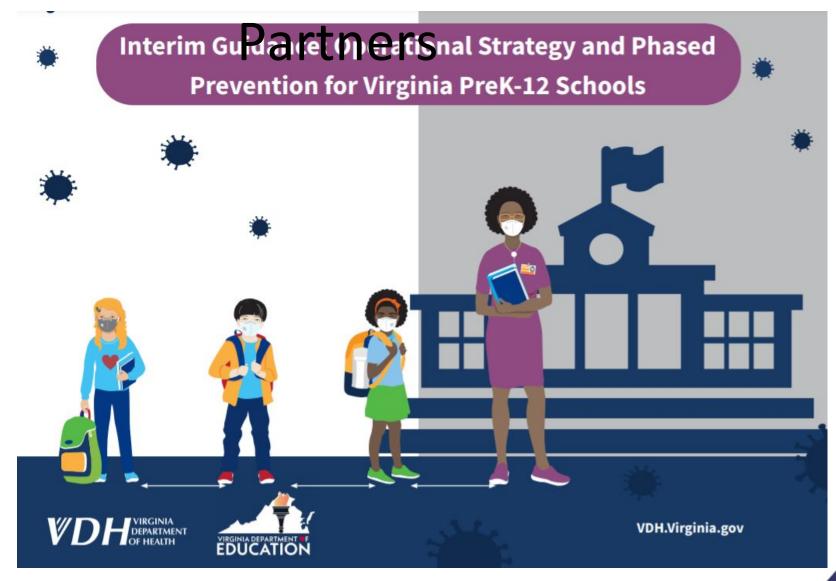


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## School





### **School Partners**

### Meet Our Panel



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# Vaccines for Children &

# I s the COVID-19 Vaccine available for adolescents

# Yes, the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine is now available for adolescents aged 12-15 years.

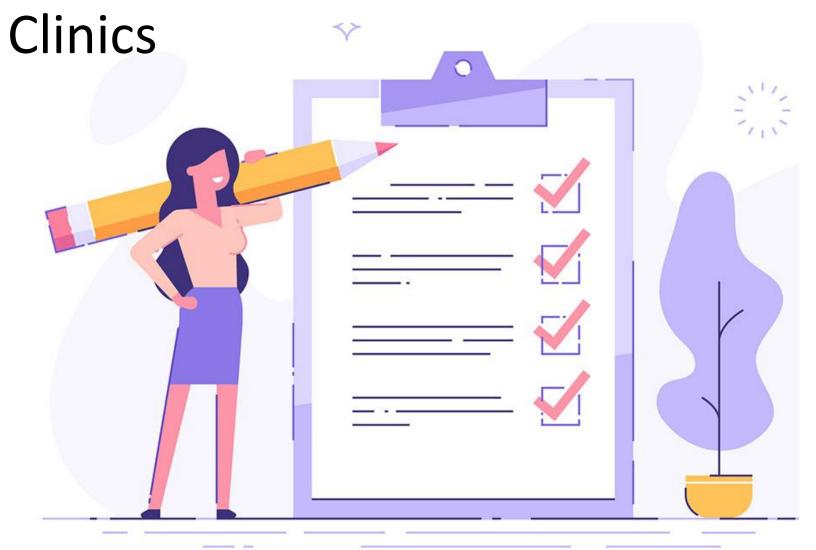
 Those who are fully vaccinated do not have to quarantine if they are exposed to someone with COVID-19, so that means no missing school, sporting events or other social activities due to an exposure.

Visit **vaccinate.virginia.gov** or call **877-VAX-IN-VA (877-829-4682)** to find an appointment for your child's FREE COVID-19 vaccine.





# School-Located Vaccination





# Chickahominy COVID Vaccine Equity Committee



### Is the COVID-19 vaccine free

- Yes, the COVID-19 vaccine will be offered to everyone in the United States at no cost or out-of-pocket expense, regardless of income or insurance coverage
- Fees will be covered by insurance companies or the federal government

vdh.virginia.gov/covid-19-vaccine





## **Chickahominy HD: Lessons Learned**

- Disaster management (i.e., managing the COVID pandemic) is by necessity a <u>local response</u>, requiring <u>local partnerships</u>, aided by strategic direction and resource support from <u>state and federal</u> <u>agencies</u>.
- Our most successful moments have been achieved when the following 2 ingredients come together:
  - 1. "All hands on deck" effort from multiple local partners;
  - 2. Rely on trusted community champions to reach your population.



### Lessons Learned Cont.

- Building trust is key & is based in *real* relationships
  - LHD must be: engaged (open discussions/honest communication often), available 24/7 (by the avenue that the community partner prefers), & responsive (take their suggestions/insights seriously)
- Community champions specific to your population (e.g., school-based champions on the staff; parents; coaches; PTA; CBOs)
- Offer flexibility: in planning (e.g., give options for their level of involvement, venue, registration process, communication methods); & day of event participation/roles
- Pushing us into Public Health 3.0 & being community health strategists



## Questions?

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Thank you for inviting us!



