# CENTRAL SHENANDOAH HEALTH DISTRICT Weekly COVID-19 Update

March 1, 2021



## WHAT'S NEW THIS WEEK

#### **COVID-19 Vaccine Information**

**Johnson & Johnson Vaccine:** On Saturday, U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued an emergency use authorization (EUA) for a new vaccine made by Johnson & Johnson. The EUA allows the vaccine to be distributed in the U.S. for those 18 and older. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine is a one dose vaccine that has been shown to be safe and effective in preventing severe COVID-19 illness, hospitalization, and death

Virginia is expected to receive 69,000 doses of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine this week, which will be prioritized for mass vaccination clinics across the state.

For more information about the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, please clicknere.

**CDC Vaccine Finder:** The CDC has a new "<u>Vaccine Finder</u>" tool which locates COVID-19 vaccines near you. While this does show pharmacies in our area who may offer the vaccine, the best thing for people to do is to pre-register for the vaccine at <u>vaccincate.virginia.gov</u>. We are working with our pharmacy partners to vaccinate those who are already pre-registered.

However, the Central Shenandoah Health District cannot schedule appointments for CVS Pharmacy. CVS appointments will need to be made <u>online</u> or by calling 1-800-746-7287.

Virginia Statewide COVID-19 Vaccine Pre-Registration System: Virginia launched a statewide vaccine pre-registration system Tuesday, February 16th. All Virginians, regardless of phase phase eligibility, can pre-register for the COVID-19 vaccine at <a href="mailto:vaccinate.virginia.gov">vaccinate.virginia.gov</a> or by calling the Virginia COVID-19 Vaccine Information Call Center 1-877-VAX-IN-VA (1-877-829-4682).

**CSHD Vaccination Numbers:** We are publishing our daily vaccination numbers on Facebook and on our website. These numbers only reflect COVID-19 vaccinations performed by the Central Shenandoah Health District and are not a reflection of total COVID-19 vaccines given within the health district and are approximate as of date received. For total COVID-19 vaccine distribution numbers, please visit the VDH COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard.



### Governor's Executive Order 72 Updates

The updated Executive Order 72 goes into effect today, Monday, March 1st. Here are some of the changes:

- Social Gatherings: OUTDOOR social gatherings increased to 25 people (Indoor still limited to 10 people)
- Public Entertainment: OUTDOOR 1,000 people (Indoor limited to 250 people)
- Summer Camps: Open 5/1 with mitigation measures
- · Recreational Sports: Races or marathons may have up to 1,000 participants with staggered starts
- Alcohol sales are extended to midnight
- Stay as Home order is removed

To read the complete Executive Order, please clickhere.



#### **District COVID-19 Activity**

Cases have been decreasing in our region (Northwest) for the last 44 days and cases are considered to be decreasing. Even though cases are decreasing, it does not mean that COVID-19 isn't in our community. It is still important to take preventative measures. You can explore individual locality metrics <a href="here">here</a>. To learn more about the VDH Pandemic Metrics, click <a href="here">here</a>.

#### PREVENTION REMINDERS

The COVID-19 vaccine is here, but we still need to focus on flattening the curve.

# Watch your distance | Wash your hands | Wear a mask

- All people in Virginia should stay home as much as possible and practice social distancing to reduce the risk of being exposed to COVID-19.
- Wear a face mask to protect yourself from COVID-19.
- Get your flu shot: it is not too late to get your flu shot to protect you from the seasonal influenza.
- Download <u>COVIDWISE</u>, Virginia's free exposure notification app.
- Answer the call! If a Case Investigator or Contact Tracer calls you, you should answer the call.
   Talking to the health department is an important step in slowing the spread of COVID-19.
- Who is in your Social Bubble or Pod? As COVID-19 continues to spread in our community, it is important to think about who is in your social bubble and who might be in their bubble. Check out this <u>VDH document</u> for more information.



#### **CSHD Office Hours**

Do you have questions about the COVID-19 vaccine and vaccination efforts in our district? Join us for our twice weekly office hours! Please share with your community.

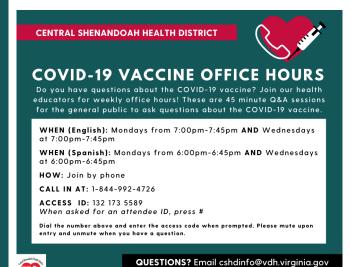
Spanish language office hours:

- Every Monday from 6:00pm-6:45pm
- Every Wednesday from 6:00pm-6:45pm

English language office hours:

- Every Monday from 7:00pm-7:45pm
- Every Wednesday from 7:00pm-7:45pm

Dial **1-844-992-4726** and enter the access code **132 173 5589** when prompted. When asked for attendee ID, press #. To unmute yourself during the call press \*6.





#### COVID-19 DATA BREAKDOWN

As reported to VDH, by date of lab report. May differ from other sources, due to reporting lags. Negative numbers indicate data corrections, since March 2020. More data can be found <a href="here">here</a>. Note: The daily case count only reflects the cases reported 3/1/2021. For daily case counts throughout the week, please visit the VDH <a href="here">website</a>.

	Daily case count*	New cases, 7-day avg	Total cases	Total hospitalizations	Total deaths
Augusta	4	10	5,200	144	59
Staunton City	4	7	2,435	77	66
Waynesboro City	1	4	2,142	67	32
Rockbridge	0	4	1,278	41	36
Lexington City	8	5	1,116	20	24
Buena Vista City	1	2	839	19	18
Rockingham	6	9	6,052	317	92
Harrisonburg City	8	12	5,723	161	84
Bath	0	1	245	6	10
Highland	0	0	91	1	0
Totals	31	54	25,121	853	421
*As of 10:00am on 3/1					

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