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Corrections Made to VDH Data Portal

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(LYNCHBURG, VA.) – Starting today, residents of Central Virginia Health District (CVHD) can expect to see amended COVID-19 case numbers reported on the [Virginia Department of Health COVID-19 Data in Virginia: Locality dashboard](#). Corrections to the data will result in a decrease of approximately 700 cases of COVID-19 that were previously attributed to Lynchburg and the surrounding counties.

“The amendments stem from a process change that caused approximately 700 negative tests to be submitted as positive from Centra Health,” said **Dr. Lindsey Lockewood, public information officer and population health manager of CVHD**. “When the issue was identified, Centra Health and CVHD worked collaboratively to resolve the discrepancy.”

The data error will affect cases of COVID-19 reported from September 1 through September 8; data reported after that period will remain unaffected.

“Once the discrepancy was identified, we immediately corrected and validated the numbers,” said **Diane Ludwig, Centra Health vice president and public information officer**. “Now, we have enhanced our validation process to ensure the same uploading issue won’t happen again.”

Note that this was a data uploading error. The individuals who were tested were given the correct positive or negative test results.

The Virginia Department of Health’s dashboard can be found by visiting www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/.

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