

COVID-19 UPDATE

January 6, 2021



What's New

- **Vaccines are arriving & are being given, more than 1,300 so far.** VDH is vaccinating emergency medical services personnel. Hospitals are vaccinating their staff. Under a separate federal program, Walgreens & CVS are vaccinating long term care facility residents & staff.
- Vaccines are available to those in **Phase 1a** of the Virginia Vaccination Prioritization Plan. The transition to Phase 1b is a statewide decision, not a local one
- Virginia plans for a weekly allocation of 100,000 doses. Totals may vary, based on manufacture & distribution.
- See local testing & vaccination status at NRVRoadtoWellness.com.
- Vaccination opportunities will be widely publicized. See vaccine phases, FAQs & info at VDH's [COVID-19 Vaccination Response](#) website.
- Today, there are **66** COVID-19-positive patients hospitalized & **1** person under investigation.
- VDH [Outbreaks dashboard](#) shows 14 outbreaks & 701 related cases (cumulative) in the NRV.

Prevention Reminders

- While **some** are receiving vaccine, **all** must continue to **Wear** a face covering, **Watch** distance, & **Wash** hands.
- Practice **patience**. It will take time to achieve herd immunity.
- Practice **vigilance**. Precautions are still important.
- **We are all in this together!** Take care of each other.

COVID-19 Data

As reported to VDH, by date of lab report. May differ from other sources, due to reporting lags. Totals are cumulative, since March 2020.

	New cases, today	New cases, 7-day avg.	Total cases	Total hospitalizations	Total deaths
Floyd County	8	7	546	19	17
Giles County	29	14	691	23	2
Montgomery County	41	37	5,398	115	43
Pulaski County	26	27	1,671	78	36
Radford City	12	10	1,559	32	8
New River Health District	116	95	9,865	267	106
Virginia	5,387	4,708	377,300	18,636	5,226

Fast Facts

- **COVID-19 testing is available.** Each Mon., Wed. & Fri. at the Mont. Co. Health Dept. in Christiansburg, from 9-11 am. Testing is via self-collection (nasal swab). Appointments are required. Call 540-267-8240.
- View [“What the Vaccine Does to the Body.”](#)
- **We have post-holiday spikes in cases** from travel & social gatherings. Practice good prevention tactics at home, work, school & play.
- What's the difference between [isolation & quarantine](#)?
- See [VDH Weekly Flu Activity Report & COVID-19 & Influenza Surveillance](#).
- [Q&A with Dr. Bissell](#): Weekly community update [video](#). Submit questions [online](#) or at 540-391-0792.
- **Reimbursement/recovery services** are available for businesses with COVID-19 cases or concerns. Call 540-639-9313.
- Get **COVIDWISE**.

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