**Summary of Governor Northam’s Briefing on COVID-19**

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**FORWARD VIRGINIA:**

* **Governor Northam will issue an Executive Order today, extending** [**EO-72**](https://www.governor.virginia.gov/media/governorvirginiagov/executive-actions/EO-72-AMENDED-and-Order-of-Public-Health-Emergency-Nine-Common-Sense-Surge-Restrictions-Certain-Temporary-Restrictions-Due-to-Novel-Coronavirus-%28COVID-19%29.pdf) **regulations until February 28.**
* The Department of Labor has made the temporary COVID-19 workplace safety standards permanent.
	+ This change will go into effect today.

**VACCINE LOGISTICS**

* Over 520,000 shots have been administered so far.
	+ We are averaging over 26,000 shots per day.
	+ 6.1% of the population have received their first dose of the vaccine.
	+ 78,261 Virginians are fully vaccinated.
	+ 7,000 in 100,000 Virginians have been vaccinated thus far.
* Across the US, more people have been vaccinated than have tested positive for COVID-19 since the beginning of the pandemic.
* Beginning tomorrow, states will receive a 16% increase in vaccine inventory.
	+ This supply rate will then be locked in, so that states can plan their distribution by month, instead of operating week-by-week.
* Both Pfizer and Moderna have reported reaching a steady rate of manufacturing, which will hopefully in turn steady the supply chain to the states.
* Both CVS and Walgreens pharmacies have been enlisted by the Governor to administer vaccines in long term care and skilled nursing facilities.
	+ Both groups have been successful in meeting their administration goals.
* By shifting inventory between hospitals, based on need, will allow vaccine administration to increase by 20% in the next week.
	+ Hospitals increased vaccine administration by 35% in the last week.
* **The VDH has released a new vaccine data dashboard, which is now available on their website.**
	+ The dashboard includes data on distribution, as well as race and ethnicity, as related to the vaccine.
* **Where does one sign up to get vaccinated?**
	+ Currently, the best way to get an appointment is to call your local health district, where you will be assisted in getting an appointment.
	+ Governor Northam has directed the VDH to develop a single, statewide system by which all Virginians can enter their information and get an appointment.
		- This website and phone number will be available soon.

**VACCINE ELIGIBILITY**

* Virginia is now distributing vaccines based on population.
* VDH has issued new guidance to local health districts for vaccine distribution.
	+ 50% of available doses should be used for Virginians aged 65 or older.
	+ 50% of available doses should be used for essential/frontline workers, people age 16 to 64 with high-risk health conditions, and those in correctional facilities.

**COVID-19 CASES, STATISTICS AND MODELING**

* **Total cases: 488,533**
	+ New in last 24 hours: 5,227
* **Total deaths: 6,228**
* **Total vaccines administered: 602,983**

**Next briefing: To be announced.**

*NOTE: This is an informal and timely summary of the Governor’s live press briefing. To access recordings of the briefings, visit* *https://www.facebook.com/GovernorVA/**. To access the Governor’s official news releases, visit* *https://www.governor.virginia.gov/newsroom/news-releases/**.*