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

**04-19-2021**

**FORWARD VIRGINIA**

* Percent positivity statewide is down to 6.8%, showing a consistent decrease in new cases in the past several weeks.
  + This allows for the relaxation of more guidelines and restrictions.
* Performance events such as musicals and drama performances have previously been classified as social gatherings, but will now be placed in the same category as athletic events, increasing the capacity of spectators.
* Governor Northam stresses the importance of continuing to wear masks, wash hands, and practice social distancing, even as more and more people get vaccinated.

**VACCINE LOGISTICS**

* **As of yesterday, every Virginian is eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.**
* 39% of Virginians have received at least their first dose of the vaccine, with 25% being fully vaccinated.

**VACCINE DISTRIBUTION**

* The Tyson’s Community Vaccination Center opened today in Fairfax.
  + This clinic is equipped to administer 3,000 shots per day, for as long as there is a need.
* All Virginians can now schedule their own appointments through the Vaccinate Virginia website, as well as through the statewide call center.

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

* **Total cases: 647,111**
  + New in the last 24 hours: 978
* **Total deaths: 10,595**

**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/*](about:blank)*. To access the Governor’s official news releases, visit* [*https://www.governor.virginia.gov/newsroom/news-releases/*](about:blank)*.*