

**COVID-19 snapshot**

Tuesday, Nov. 10

**New cases of coronavirus**

**Virginia:** 1,435 Tuesday; 194,912 to date

**Fauquier:** 19 Tuesday; 1,182 cases to date

**Perspective:** The seven-day average of new cases in the state is 1,462, the highest it has ever been. New case numbers topped 1,000 18 times in October and 10 out of 10 days in November. In September the 1,000-case-per-day milestone was reached nine times. Fauquier has only recorded 19 or more cases in one day twice before, once in May and once in August.

**Seven-day positivity average (total PCR tests vs. positive tests)**

**Virginia:** 6.2%

**RRHD:** 5.6%

**Perspective:** In Virginia the percent positivity remained between 4.5% and 5.1% since Sept. 24 but since then has been rising. In the RRHD, the rate was as high as 6.6% on Oct. 21.

**Hospitalizations**

**Virginia:** 13,183

**Fauquier:** 59

**Perspective:** In Fauquier, there were 11 hospitalizations each month in April and May, six in June, seven in July, three in August, 10 in September, 10 in October and three in November.

**Deaths**

**Virginia:** 3,726

**Fauquier:** 27

**Perspective:** Fauquier County lost 16 residents to COVID-19 in September. Fifteen were from an outbreak at the Brookside Rehab and Nursing Center in Warrenton. The nursing home reported 95 positive cases, according to VDH data released Monday.

One of two Fauquier County deaths in October, reported Oct. 19, was also attributed to the Brookside outbreak. That outbreak is classified as "pending closure."

**Outbreaks**

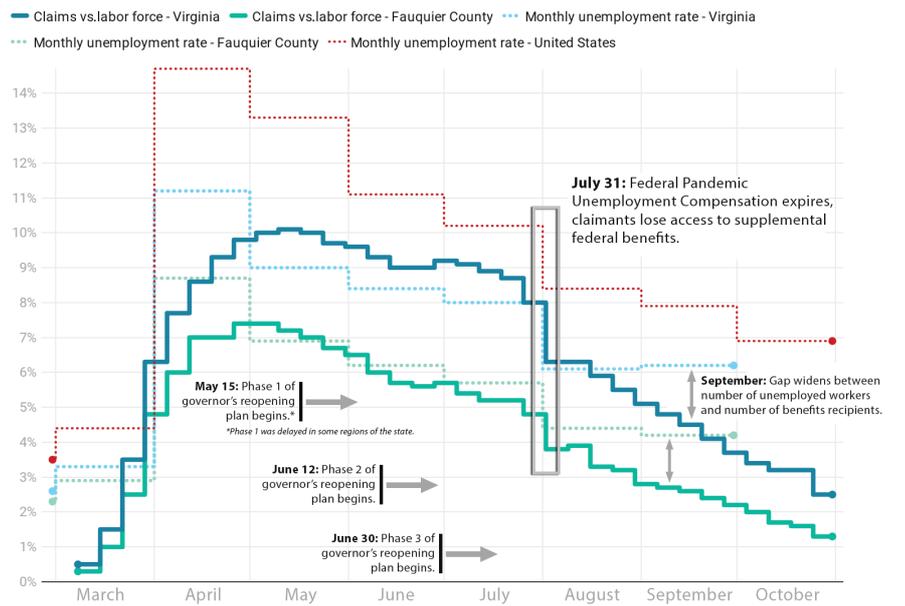
**Virginia:** 1,365 total (514 outbreaks in long-term care settings -- resulting in 13,354 cases and 1,824 deaths -- 513 outbreaks in congregate care settings, 102 in health care settings and 79 in correctional facilities, 67 in childcare settings, 43 in colleges or universities and 47 in K-12 facilities).

**RRHD:** 19 total (seven in long-term care settings, two in K-12 setting, seven in congregate settings, two in a correctional setting and one in a health care setting); 564 cases have resulted from the 19 outbreaks.

**Fauquier:** At least one in a long-term care setting (95 cases and 16 deaths) and at least one, possibly two, in an educational setting.

**Perspective:** Perhaps accounting for the most recent outbreak in a K-12 setting, Highland School in Warrenton confirmed that 12 students have tested positive for COVID-19. Highland's Upper School has been utilizing its distance learning platform since Oct. 30. Lower and Middle Schools continue to be on campus for a five-day week.

**Weekly unemployment insurance claims as a share of the labor force compared to monthly unemployment rates**



For consistency, labor force data from March is used to calculate unemployment insurance claims as a share of the labor force. Labor force data and monthly unemployment rates are measured by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Claims data comes from the Virginia Employment Commission. Chart: Fauquier Times • Source: Virginia Employment Commission, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

**Fewer jobless Virginia, Fauquier residents filing unemployment insurance claims**

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The number of Virginia residents receiving unemployment insurance benefits has steadily declined since the beginning of August, and the same is true for Fauquier County. Last week, the number of Virginia and Fauquier residents filing claims fell to its lowest level since March 21.

However, results of the monthly employment survey conducted by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics in September – the most recent state-level data from the agency -- showed that many unemployed Virginians may no longer be receiving benefits despite having yet to find work after mass layoffs began in March.

The BLS survey is a much more precise way to measure unemployment, since the results come from a representative sample of live interviews instead of relying on the number of unemployment insurance claims. The federal survey is the basis for calculating the official unemployment rates for the U.S., states and localities.

Claims data is released weekly, while BLS data is released the

month following the survey period – making it less useful data amid a fast-moving economic situation.

For most of the pandemic, the two measures of unemployment have mostly mirrored one another in both Fauquier County and Virginia as a whole, with the number of unemployment insurance claims as a percentage of the labor force roughly matching official unemployment rates.

But in September, that was no longer the case. Unemployment rates in September were essentially unchanged from the previous month; Virginia's unemployment rate rose slightly to 6.2% from 6.1%, and in Fauquier County the rate changed from 4.4% in August to 4.2% in September.

During that same time period, however, the number of claims filed each week steadily declined. An average of 4.5% of Virginia's labor force (as measured in March) filed a claim each week of September, 1.7 points lower than the unemployment rate. In Fauquier County, an average of 2.8% of the county's labor force filed claims each week during September, 1.6 points less than the offi-

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**LEGAL NOTICES**



**U.S. 29 / Route 215 (Vint Hill Road)  
Fauquier County**

**Intersection Improvements**

**Find out** about the proposed plans to construct dual left-turn lanes at the intersection of U.S. 15/29 (Lee Highway) and Route 215 (Vint Hill Road) in Fauquier County. The project will require widening Route 215 in the vicinity of the intersection to receive and merge traffic.

The project will improve safety and operations at the intersection. In addition to the dual left-turn lanes, construction will include traffic signal upgrades and necessary storm water management measures. For more information about this project, visit [www.virginiadot.org/US29-215FauquierCo](http://www.virginiadot.org/US29-215FauquierCo)

Project information and National Environmental Policy Act documentation in the form of a Programmatic Categorical Exclusion are available at VDOT's Culpeper District Office located at 1601 Orange Road in Culpeper, VA, (540) 829-7500. Please call ahead to make arrangements for personnel to share more information or answer your questions.

If your concerns cannot be satisfied, VDOT is willing to hold a public hearing. You may request that a public hearing be held by sending a written request to Mr. David Cabbage, Project Manager, Virginia Department of Transportation, 1601 Orange Road, Culpeper, VA 22701 on or prior to **November 30, 2020**. If a request for a public hearing is received, notice of date, time and place of the hearing will be posted.

In compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, Section 106 and 36 CFR Part 800, information concerning the potential effects of the proposed project on properties listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places is provided in the environmental documentation.

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