

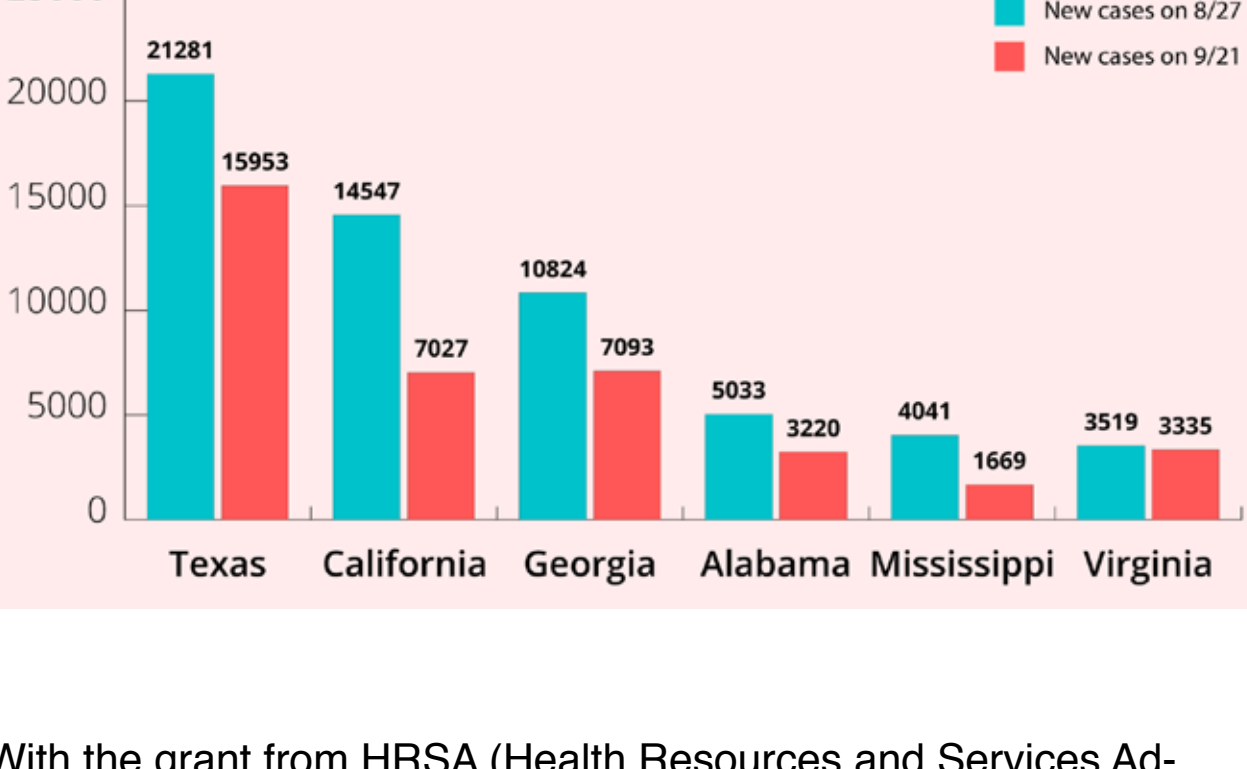


BPSOS Falls Church NEWSLETTER

October 2021

NEW COVID-19 CASES IN AMERICA

August 27, 2021 to September 21, 2021



With the grant from HRSA (Health Resources and Services Administration), BPSOS has just started the **HRSA COVID Vaccine Project** of which main goal was to encourage vaccination among the unvaccinated communities. So far, we have established collaboration with our partners: Neighborhood Health, Vietnam Literacy & Artistic Club (Nhà Việt Nam), Winter Hill apartments and Fairfax County Health Department.



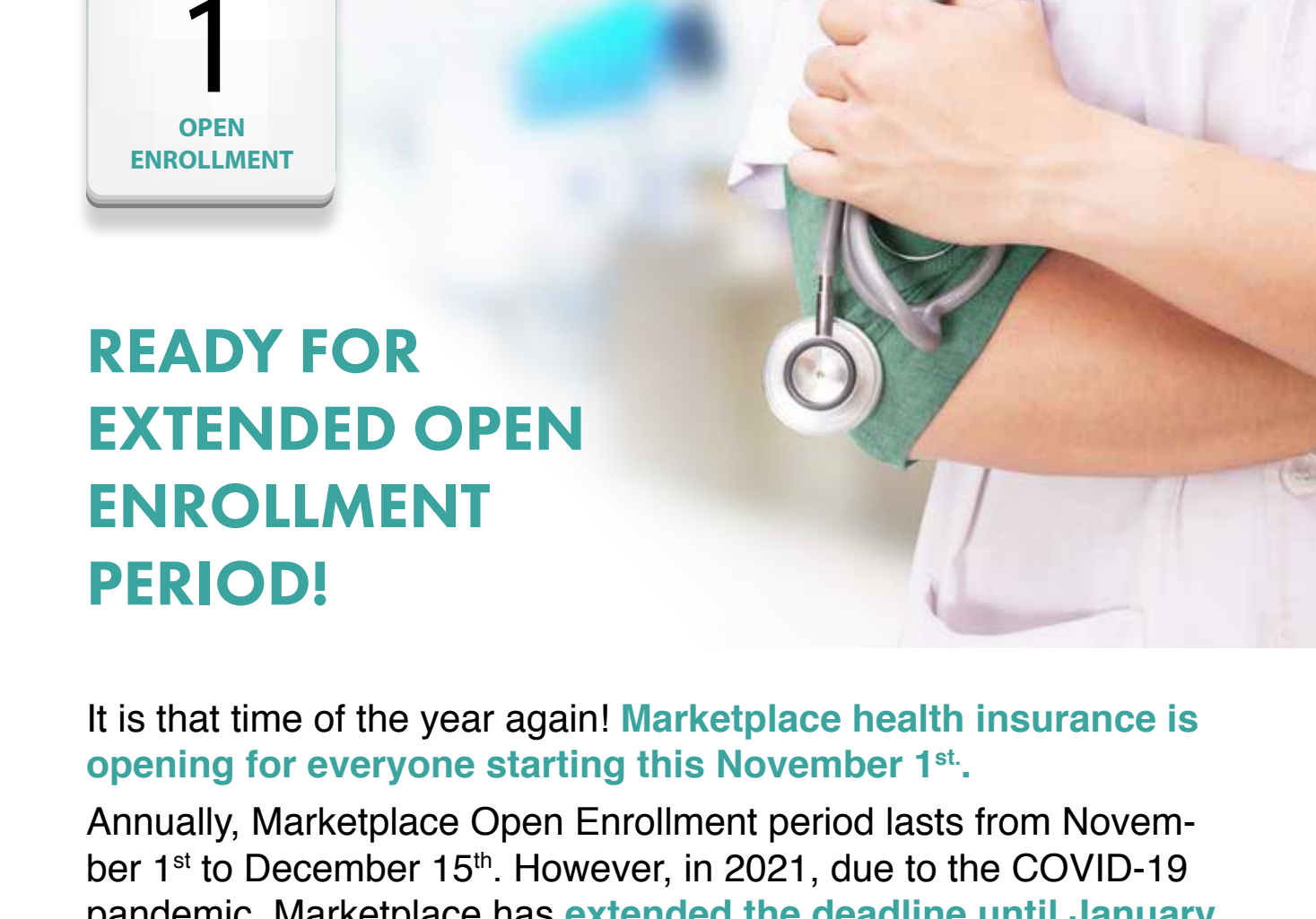
Beginning of September 2021, BPSOS has informed over 20 trusted messengers to help delivering the messages to the community. We've also conducted **two radio talk shows** and designed promotional materials emphasizing how effective and safe the COVID-19 vaccine is, based on scientific facts from the CDC (Centers for Disease Control).



As of September 28th, Fairfax County Health Department has begun providing **booster shots** of Pfizer vaccine to individuals who are 65 and above, immuno-compromised individuals, and anyone with underlying medical conditions. Please contact BPSOS at **(703) 538-2190** to make an appointment to get booster shot of the Pfizer vaccine.



In October, BPSOS community health workers will attend different outreach events hosted by Vietnamese House on October 10th in Arlington. An upcoming booster vaccine clinic for the seniors will be held at Winter Hill Apartments in Falls Church.



READY FOR EXTENDED OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD!

It is that time of the year again! **Marketplace health insurance is opening for everyone starting this November 1st.**

Annually, Marketplace Open Enrollment period lasts from November 1st to December 15th. However, in 2021, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Marketplace has **extended the deadline until January 15th, 2022!** This is great news since consumers will have an extra 30 days to enroll, review, compare and choose a plan that best fits their needs.

In September 2021, BPSOS navigators successfully **enrolled more than 60 individuals and families** into qualified and affordable health plans such as Marketplace, Medicare and Medicaid. Our navigators spent as much time as needed to educate our clients and keep them informed about their health coverage options. For more information on how to enroll in a suitable health plan, please call BPSOS at **(703) 538-2190**.



FIGHT AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

In September 2021, case managers of the Community Against Domestic Violence (CADV) program helped **4 new clients with green card, Medicaid, food stamp application. Additionally, we also helped a client find a lawyer for divorce.**

All clients were very thankful to learn that we were committed into helping other domestic violence survivors. The CADV program at BPSOS has two government grants (VDSS and VOCA) in the new fiscal year 2022 to advocate further for survivors.

For more information or if you know someone suffering from domestic violence, please contact BPSOS at **(703) 538-2190**.



TRANSPORTATION FOR SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

In September, BPSOS **assisted 15 seniors with non-emergency medical transportation**, BPSOS has developed an e-referral system to connect local health providers and non-profit organizations. This network allows easy referrals and follow-ups for clients between healthcare providers and non-profit organizations.

Our project coordinators and partner Peer Companions helped local seniors with their medical transportation needs such as going to their pharmacies and doctor appointments. In the last month, via the e-referral network, **BPSOS has referred 13 people to Peer Companion. In exchange, Peer Companion has e-referred 5 seniors to us to assist with transportation.**

For more information, please call **(703) 538-2190**.

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