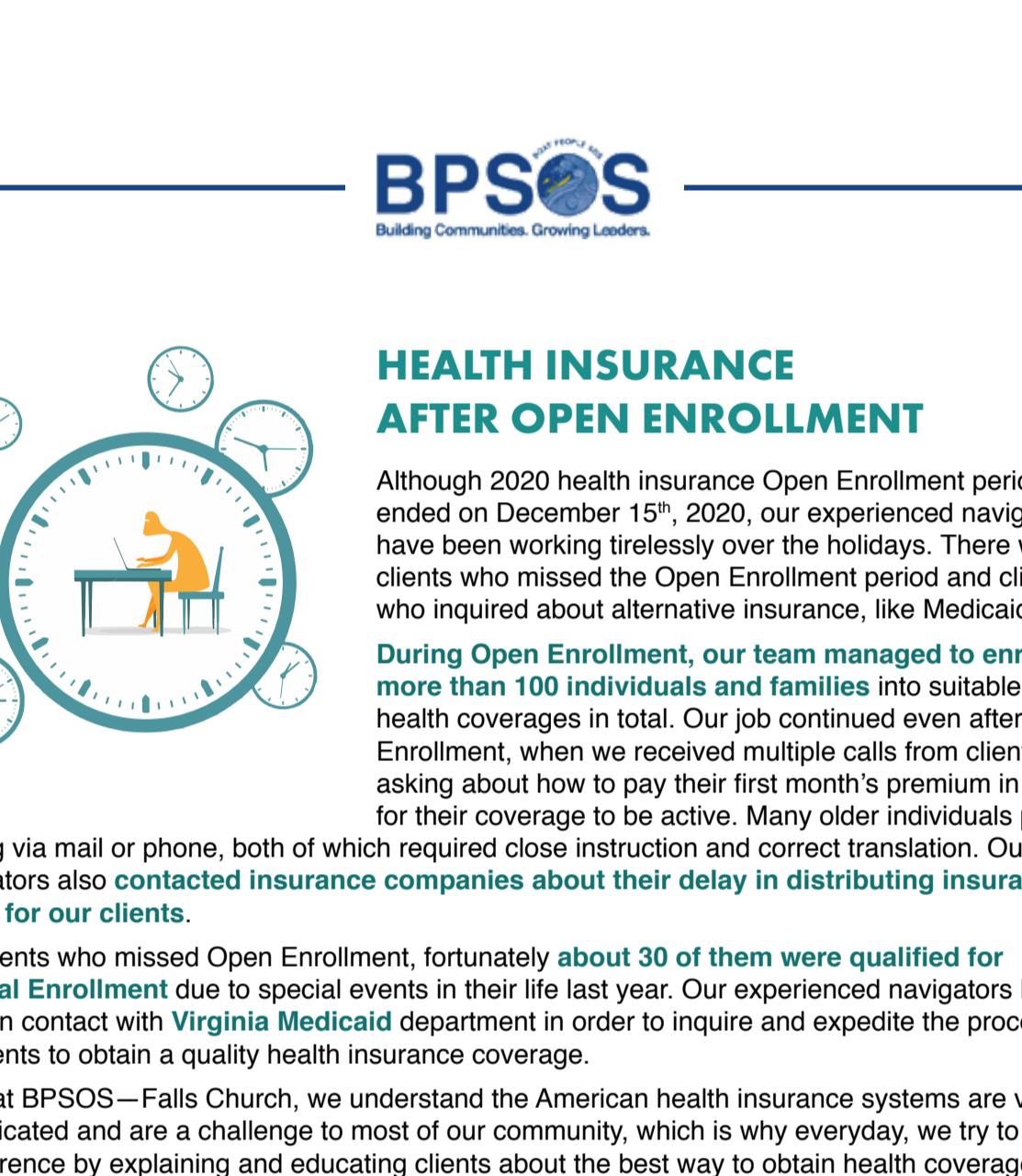


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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

COVID-19 CASES IN VIRGINIA as of January 5th



Virginia's daily average of new COVID-19 cases hit a record high for the third straight day on Monday 1/4, as hospitalizations for treatment of the virus set another new record as well.

In Northern Virginia, the seven-day average of new cases stands at 1,054.9, just below the record of 1,124.4, set 12/12. The health department reported 711 new cases in the region on Monday 1/4, following 1,180 on Sunday.

In Northern Virginia, 584 patients are hospitalized, still below the region's high of 808 on 4/30. Hospitalizations are up 49% in the past month.

The health department reported 15 new deaths related to COVID-19: seven on Sunday 1/3 and eight on Monday 1/4. Death reports tend to be significantly higher during the week, however. In Northern Virginia, three new deaths were reported over the two-day period: two in Fairfax County and one in Arlington County.

The health department's data show that as of Saturday 1/2, at least 87,618 Virginians had received the first doses of either the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, both of which require two doses to be fully effective. That's less than 25% of the 404,675 doses of the vaccines the state has received.

As part of efforts to expand access to COVID-19 testing options, the City of Alexandria and the Alexandria Health Department (AHD) are launching free kiosk-based testing sites on January 7, in partnership with the private testing company Curative.

For more information, please visit: https://www.alexandriava.gov/news_display.aspx?id=119660

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