

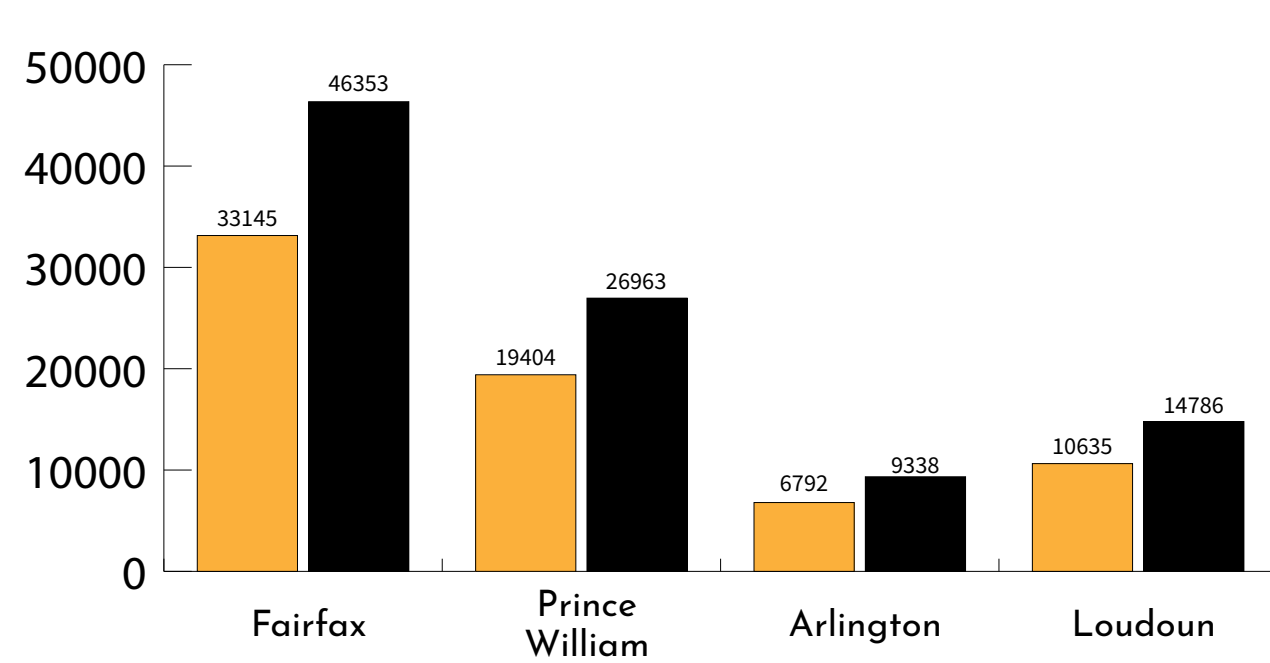
# BPSOS Falls Church NEWSLETTER

January 2021

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

## COVID-19 CASES IN VIRGINIA as of January 5<sup>nd</sup>

LOCATION	DECEMBER	JANUARY
Fairfax County	33145	46353
Prince William County	19404	26963
Arlington County	6792	9338
Loudoun County	10635	14786
VIRGINIA	255k+	372k+



### FREE COVID-19 SELF-TESTING KIOSKS OPEN JANUARY 7



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](https://www.alexandriava.gov/news_display.aspx?id=119660)

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### HEALTH INSURANCE AFTER OPEN ENROLLMENT

Although 2020 health insurance Open Enrollment period ended on December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020, our experienced navigators have been working tirelessly over the holidays. There were clients who missed the Open Enrollment period and clients who inquired about alternative insurance, like Medicaid.

**During Open Enrollment, our team managed to enroll more than 100 individuals and families** into suitable health coverages in total. Our job continued even after Open Enrollment, when we received multiple calls from clients asking about how to pay their first month's premium in order for their coverage to be active. Many older individuals prefer

paying via mail or phone, both of which required close instruction and correct translation. Our navigators also **contacted insurance companies about their delay in distributing insurance cards for our clients.**

For clients who missed Open Enrollment, fortunately **about 30 of them were qualified for Special Enrollment** due to special events in their life last year. Our experienced navigators have been in contact with **Virginia Medicaid** department in order to inquire and expedite the process for clients to obtain a quality health insurance coverage.

Here at BPSOS—Falls Church, we understand the American health insurance systems are very complicated and are a challenge to most of our community, which is why everyday, we try to make a difference by explaining and educating clients about the best way to obtain health coverage.

For more information about enrolling in health coverage, call **(703) 538-2190**.

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### COMMUNITY AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



In December 2020, BPSOS' case managers continued to assist domestic violence clients with applying for benefits. Through our efforts, **3 DV clients have successfully gotten food and supplies assistance**, like milk and diapers. **2 clients were assisted with their rent**, so they can spend their holidays without worries.

In addition, we referred **2 clients to immigration legal services** where they could apply and extend their green card. 2 clients were also referred to Legal Services of Northern Virginia for **separation and divorce counseling**. They were grateful and appreciated our help during this difficult time.

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### HAPP-TRAN AND RISE-TRAN



Many of our elderly members living in nursing homes have a difficult time driving. HAPP-TRAN & RISE-TRAN are BPSOS's programs to **assist them with both medical and non-medical transportation.**

In December, during the holidays, BPSOS program coordinator worked with our partner Peer Companion and assisted **3 elders by taking them to grocery shopping and exercise.** We also helped **7 elders to go to their doctor appointments.** They were grateful for our services and promised to tell their friends and acquaintances to join.

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### CACOS — SAFETY AT WORK



**Training:** Notify and train employees of new safety procedures; ask them to sign a statement confirming that they understand and will abide when conducting services.



**Wash hands frequently:** Ask customers and staff to wash their hands before and after the appointment. Prevent customers from touching nail polish bottles when choosing a color. Encourage cashless payment.



**Report:** If a worker is positive for COVID-19, immediately report it to your local health authority and notify staff and customers within 24 hours.

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