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The Honorable Robert M. Dyer, Mayor
and Members of City Council

Subject: COVID-19 Mass Vaccination Brief

Dear Mayor and Members of City Council:

Efforts to vaccinate everyone who wants it took a step forward this week as operations expanded to include the first large Community Vaccination Center (CVC) at the Kempsville Recreation Center. Today's CVC will vaccinate 1000 people through a collaborative effort between the City, VBDPH, and community leaders. The next CVC is scheduled for March 19th at the Bow Creek Recreation Center and is expected to vaccinate 1000 more people. We have supplemented efforts to the point that City staff now fulfills critical support positions in all aspects of the vaccination process.

The City and VBPHD are scheduled to conduct a second dose health equity CVC at Enoch Baptist Church on Saturday, March 13th. Sentara Healthcare completed a health equity CVC at New Hope Baptist Church for 1000 persons on March 11.

The attached *COVID-19 Mass Vaccination Brief* details current mass vaccination operations in Virginia Beach. For reference, I have highlighted a few notable points below:

- A total of 115,245 vaccine doses have been administered and 41,861 people are fully vaccinated.
- The City has administered 68,632 doses and 27,236 people have been fully vaccinated through City POD sites.
- Medical staffing remains the limiting factor for the City's CVC operations.

The City remains grateful of the efforts shown by all volunteers and City staff supporting this historic initiative. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Patrick A. Duhaney
City Manager
Attachment (1)

Mass vaccination efforts continue at the Virginia Beach Convention Center with City staff from across all departments deployed to support vaccination efforts. The City has completed Tier 1A vaccination schedules and continues to vaccinate qualified individuals under Phase 1B.

This week an expanded Community Vaccination Center (CVC) program kicked off to increase equitable access to COVID vaccines across the city.

OPERATIONS

- **115,245** vaccine doses have been provided in the City of Virginia Beach; approximately 68,632 vaccine doses have been administered through City-partnered Points of Distribution (PODs)
- **73,384 people (16.3% of the City population)** have received their initial vaccine dose and are awaiting their second dose
- **41,861 people (9.3% of the City population)** are fully vaccinated with 27,236 fully vaccinated through the City-partnered PODs
- VBDPH will be receiving allotments of the Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) vaccine starting next week. We are working with them to identify best practices and determine how best to deploy the single dose vaccine within the city
- 311 Citizen Services continues to assist residents without email or internet access by creating vaccine appointments at VBCC
- The City has begun providing no-charge services for residents who need transportation to and from vaccination centers

FEDERAL AND STATE UPDATES

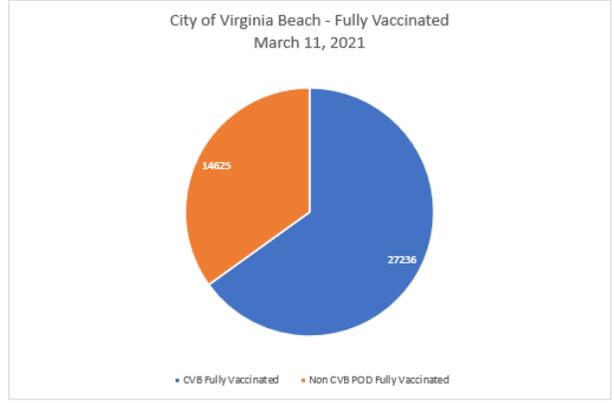
- **2,493,097** first doses (**19%** of the state population) have been administered in Virginia; 916,276 people are fully vaccinated
- **Everyone should verify and update their pre-registration records now** by visiting vaccinate.virginia.gov or calling 877-VAX-IN-VA, because the form includes additional questions that were not available on previous forms. **If a record is missing important information, vaccination appointments may be delayed. People who have already been vaccinated should still update their records,** because it will help match them to the immunization database to prevent them from receiving weekly reminders. Verifying information and updating records will not change pre-registration dates
- The Virginia National Guard successfully completed a two-week training deployment at the Convention Center in preparation to support mass vaccination sites around Virginia
- The City Office of Emergency Management continues to work closely with the Virginia Department of Emergency Management

(VDEM) Region 5 staff to coordinate support for Virginia Beach CVCs



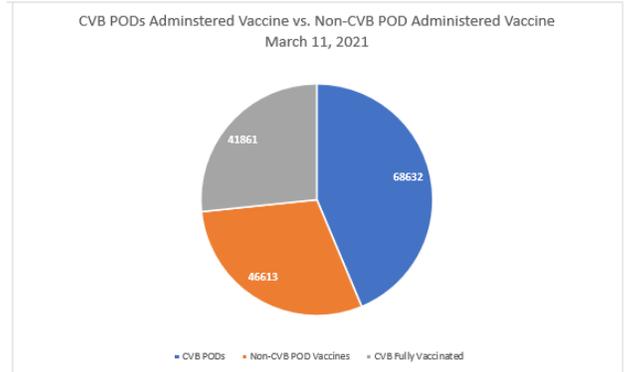
FOR WEEK OF 3/15 AND BEYOND

- 3 CLOSED (invite-only) CVCs for Tier 1B on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 9AM to 5PM; 3,500 first doses and 3,614 second doses available for next week’s events
- Bow Creek Recreation Center CVC; Housing Resource Center Health Equity & Homeless CVC; Virginia Department of Behavioral & Developmental Services CVC
- Walmart will staff its second dose Pfizer clinic Thursday-Saturday at the Meyera Oberndorf Central Library



JOINT INFORMATION CENTER

The JIC assisted with several media inquiries, collaborated with Housing & Neighborhood Preservation on communications for a vaccination education forum and POD for the homeless population, and developed talking points and flyers for the new CVCs.



In Progress:

- Developing communications materials for EMS volunteer vaccinator recruitment
- Translating flyers for Health Equity efforts into Spanish and possibly Tagalog
- Producing video about how National Guard trained at VB PODs

Issues:

- Media is asking about the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, when it will be available and how it will be handled
- Questions about volunteer needs and when VaccinateVB portal data would be available for public viewing in the state’s pre-registration portal.

