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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:

The City of Virginia Beach's partnership with the Virginia Beach Department of Public Health (VBDPH) is expanding to include Community Vaccination Centers (CVC) to increase equitable access to COVID vaccines. CVCs will be held at four of our recreation centers to administer up to 1000 vaccines. The first CVC will be held on March 12th from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm at the Kempsville Recreation Center on Monmouth Lane. City staff remain engaged with the vaccination efforts providing support services and greeting recipients as they arrive for their appointments.

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 98,470 vaccine doses have been administered in the City, and 34,396 people are fully vaccinated. Of the 98,470 vaccine doses administered in the City, 58,521 doses were administered through the City PODs.
- The City of Virginia Beach pre-registration portal has been transitioned to the CoVA VDH pre-registration portal as of March 1st.
- Medical staffing and vaccine availability remain limiting factors for the City's Community Vaccination Center 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.

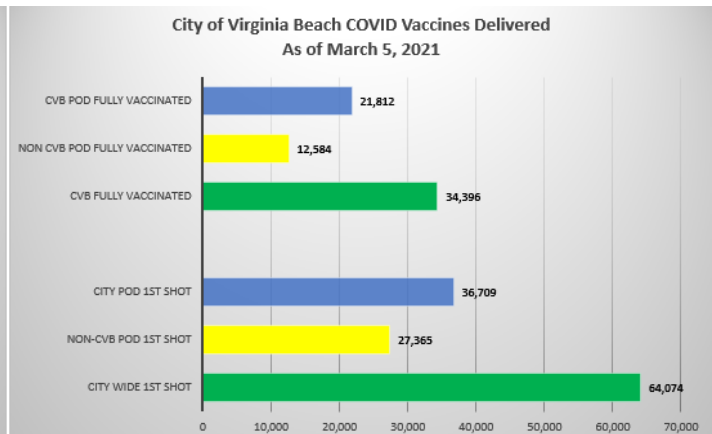
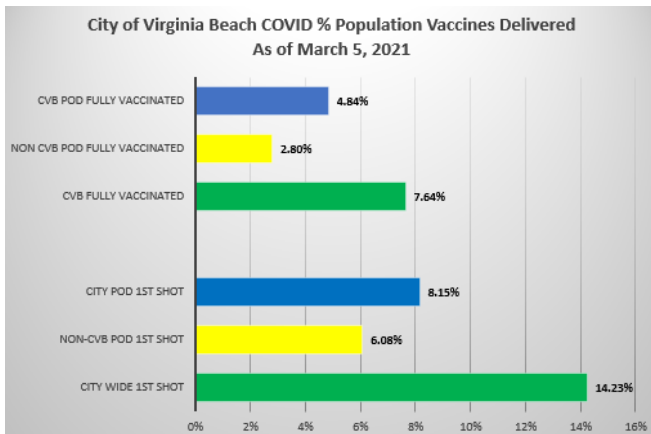
Sincerely,

Patrick A. Duhaney
City Manager
Attachment (1)

Mass vaccination efforts continue at the Virginia Beach Convention Center. Virginia Beach has completed Tier 1A vaccination schedules and continues to vaccinate qualified individuals under Phase 1B. This week the City assigned 40-60 staff per day to support of Vaccinate Virginia Beach.

OPERATIONS

- 98,470 vaccine doses have been provided in Virginia Beach; approximately 58,521 have been administered through City-partnered Points of Distribution (POD) sites
- 64,074 people (14.2% of the City population) have received their initial vaccine dose and are awaiting their second dose
- 34,396 people (7.6% of the City population) are fully vaccinated; 21,812 fully vaccinated through the Convention Center POD
- The City successfully transitioned the pre-registration portal over to the state's portal on March 1. The City of Virginia Beach pre-registered 84,895 people prior to the transition
- The Virginia National Guard deployed 33 members to the Virginia Beach Convention Center on March 1 in preparation for future medical countermeasure and vaccination support missions around the state. This deployment is scheduled through March 11
- The Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) is activating the State Incident Management Team on March 15, in support of ongoing vaccination efforts
- There will be Health Equity PODs at Enoch Baptist Church and New Hope Baptist Church on March 13 and March 27, respectively, to provide second dose vaccinations
- Walmart conducted a community vaccination POD at the Meyera Oberndorf Central Library February 25-27. Walmart administered 1240 vaccines across the 3 days using existing VBPHD pre-registration lists. Central Library staff and the Vaccinate Virginia Beach planning team assisted with the POD

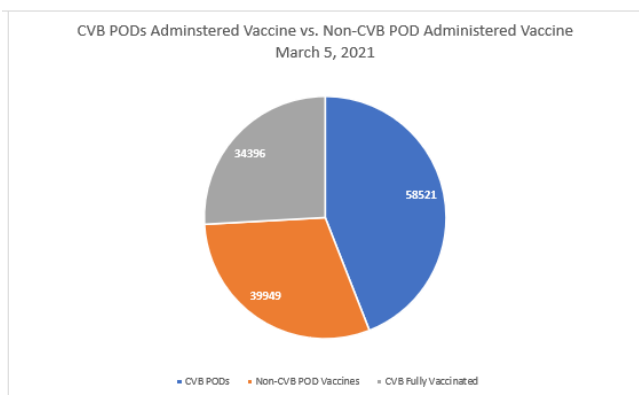


FOR WEEK OF 3/8 AND BEYOND

- 4 CLOSED (invite-only) PODs for Tier 1B on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 9AM to 5PM
- Kempsville Recreation Center Community Vaccination Center on Friday from 9AM to 5PM
- Enoch Baptist Church Health Equity POD on Saturday from 9AM to 3PM
- 4,600 first doses and 5,025 second doses available for next week's events
- Vaccine supply is expected to increase in the coming weeks with continuation of shared supply strategies between the City of Virginia Beach and local healthcare agencies.
- Sentara Healthcare Health Equity POD at New Hope Baptist Church, Thursday from 8AM to 6PM

FEDERAL AND STATE UPDATES

- 1,381,323 first doses have been administered in Virginia; 740,786 people are fully vaccinated.
- 16.2% of the state population has been vaccinated with at least one dose.
- FEMA has published guidance on public assistance reimbursement in support of vaccination related events.



JOINT INFORMATION CENTER

The Joint Information Center continued to provide primary communications management for the Vaccination PODs, responded to media and citizen inquiries about migration to the new state pre-registration portal, appointment scheduling, procedure to receive second dose of vaccine and volunteering.

Media Inquiries: Fielded a total of nine media inquiries and facilitated three interviews. Topics of inquiry include:

- Health Equity PODs for churches
- Continuing COVID-19 safety precautions/mask fatigue
- Johnson & Johnson vaccine coming online
- Need for more volunteers at the POD
- People getting first dose and opting out/not showing up for second shot
- Healthcare system's preparedness for the next pandemic
- Volunteer fatigue/governor changing guidelines to expand pool of vaccinators (interview)

Products Produced

- New signage for Help Desk and Health Equity Pods
- Language for popup window for VAMS site
- Form for recruiting volunteer vaccinators
- Article for City newsletter on rules at vaccination clinic and tips for a successful vaccination

Resident Inquiries About:

- Their place in line
- When they will receive an invitation for second dose
- When their information will be available in the state portal – (hopefully late next week)