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5 Things You Need to Know About the COVID-19 Vaccines

Real Talk With Your Healthcare Provider

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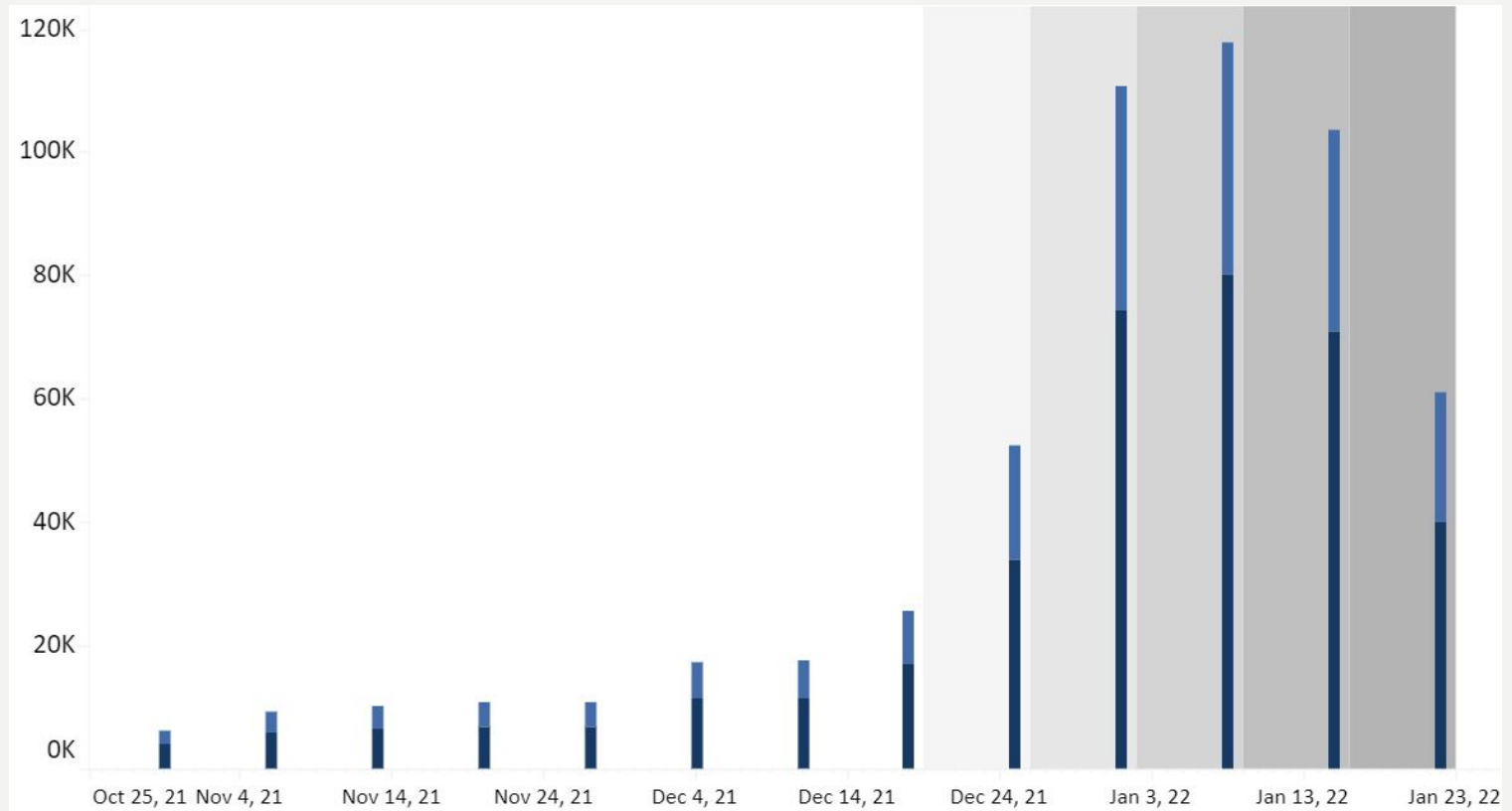


What is Happening in Virginia?

Number of Cases by Date of Symptom Onset

Number of cases by the day closest to when symptoms began. Dark area indicates illness may not have been reported yet.

- CONFIRMED CASES
- PROBABLE CASES

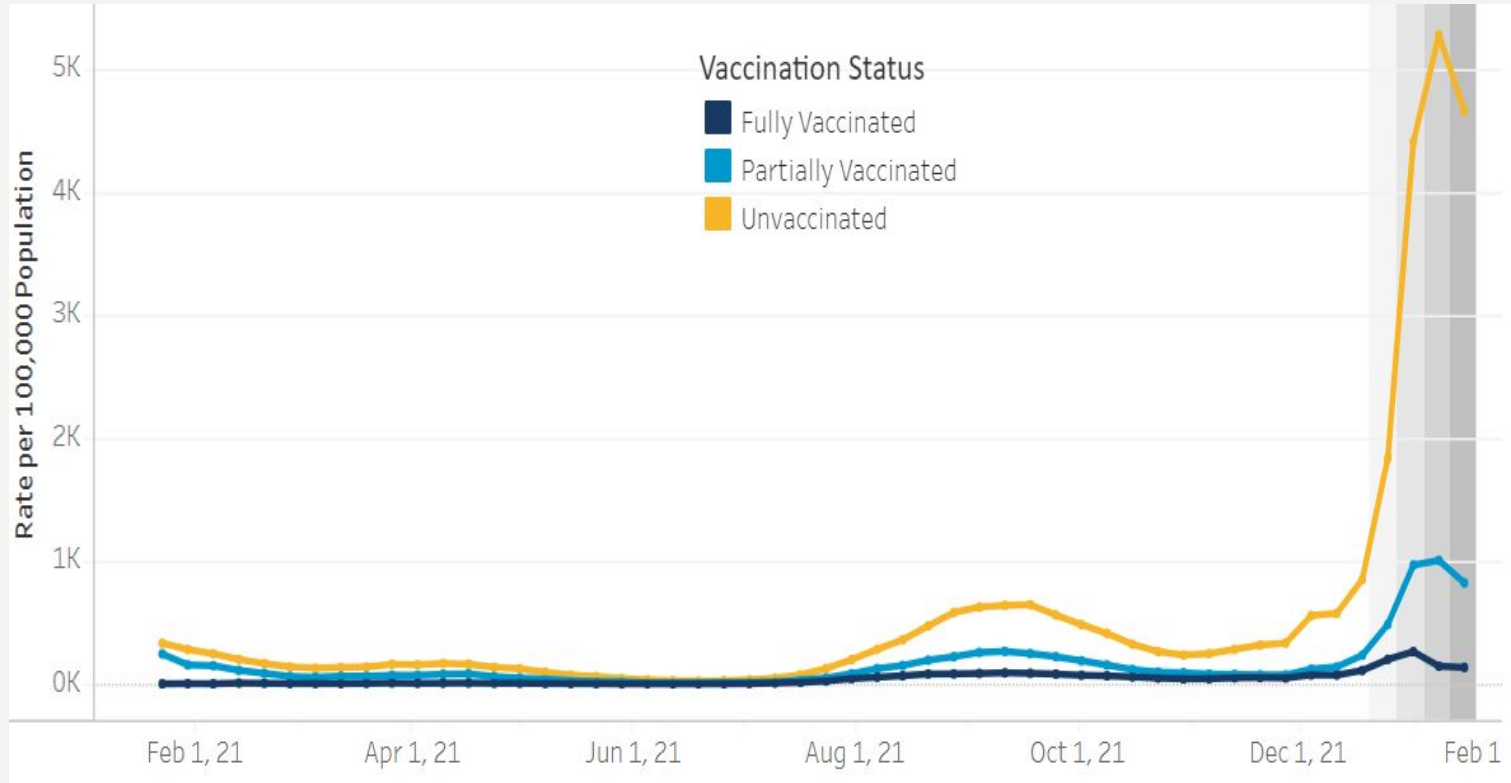
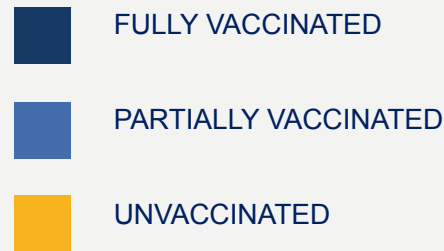


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What is Happening in Virginia?

Case Rates by Vaccination Status

Between 1/17/2021 and 10/2/2021, unvaccinated people developed COVID-19 **6.5 times that of fully vaccinated people** and **2.4 times that of partially vaccinated people**. Dark area indicates illness may not have been reported yet.



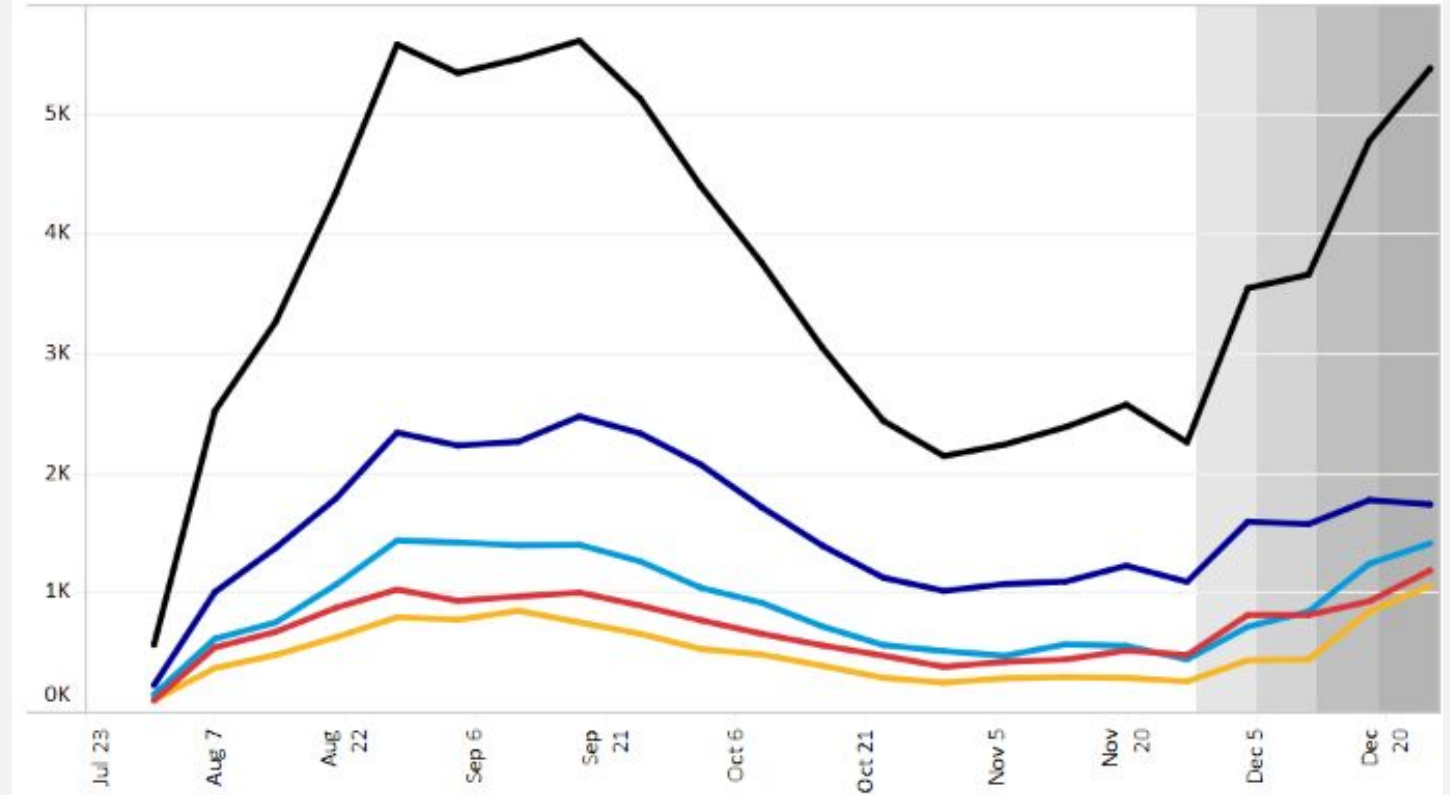
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Impact of COVID-19 on Children

Count of Cases by Pediatric Age Group

Number of cases by the day closest to when symptoms began for pediatric age groups in Virginia. Dark area indicates illness may not have been reported yet due to delay in reporting.

- 0-17 AGE GROUP
- 5-11 AGE GROUP
- 12-15 AGE GROUP
- 0-4 AGE GROUP
- 16-17 AGE GROUP



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Impact of COVID-19 on Children

Children currently make up **17.8%** of all COVID-19 Cases reported nationally. This includes a total of 6.2 million COVID-19 child Cases. The overall rate for child COVID-19 Cases is **12,559 cases per 100,000 children.**

These child COVID-19 cases are not slowing down, as they are currently on the rise in the month of September. **Children made up 21.4% of the Cases reported the week of ending 1/13/2022.** In addition, over a two-week period, there was a **20% increase in children COVID-19 cases from 12/30/21-1/13/22..**



Impact of COVID-19 on Children

Children that contract COVID-19 will have their everyday educational, social, and physical activities impacted. In addition, children have been found to have respiratory, cardiac, and neurodevelopmental issues along with cognitive and physical fatigue. It is also important to note how COVID-19 affects the child's mental health and adds stress and adjustment difficulties to their lives.

The best way to combat these issues in children is to prevent a COVID-19 infection in every way possible – most importantly the vaccine. The COVID-19 vaccine can help children stay focused on what is most important in their education and social lives.

SOURCE:
<https://www.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections/clinical-guidance/post-covid-19-conditions-in-children-and-adolescents/>



5 Facts About the COVID-19 Vaccine

The benefits of the vaccines far outweigh any potential risks – the CDC continues to recommend COVID-19 vaccination for everyone 12 years of age and older, given the greater risk of COVID-19 illness and possibly severe complications.



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You Cannot Get COVID-19 From The Vaccine

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Vaccines Were Made Following FDA Standards

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COVID-19 Vaccines Protect Your Health

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The Vaccines Are Zero Cost Out Of Pocket

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Vaccinated People Help Stop the Spread

5 Myths About the COVID-19 Vaccine



THE VACCINES WILL NOT...

hurt the fertility or the ability to become a parent for anyone



THE VACCINES WILL NOT...

cause sterility or contribute to sterility



THE VACCINES WILL NOT...

affect the DNA or alter the DNA of anyone



NO ONE WILL...

become more vulnerable to or contract COVID-19 due to the vaccine



THE VACCINES DO NOT...

contain any fetal tissue

Third doses - Who Needs an Additional COVID-19 Vaccine?

Currently, CDC is recommending that [moderately to severely immunocompromised people](#) receive an additional dose because they may not build the same level of immunity to 3-dose vaccine series compared to people who are not immunocompromised.

This includes people who have:

- Been receiving [active cancer treatment](#)
- Received an [organ transplant](#) and are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
- Received a [stem cell transplant](#) within the last 2 years or are taking medicine to suppress the immune system (i.e. [high-dose corticosteroids](#))
- Moderate or severe [primary immunodeficiency](#) advanced or untreated [HIV infection](#)



Booster Shot Summary and Evidence Conclusions

Who should get a booster:

- Everyone 12 years and older

When to get a booster:

- At least 5 months after completing your primary COVID-19 vaccination series

Which booster can you get:

- Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna (mRNA COVID-19 vaccines) are preferred in most* situations
- Teens 12–17 years old may only get a Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine booster



Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need a vaccine if I might not get very ill from COVID-19?

Will my child have to get a booster shot?

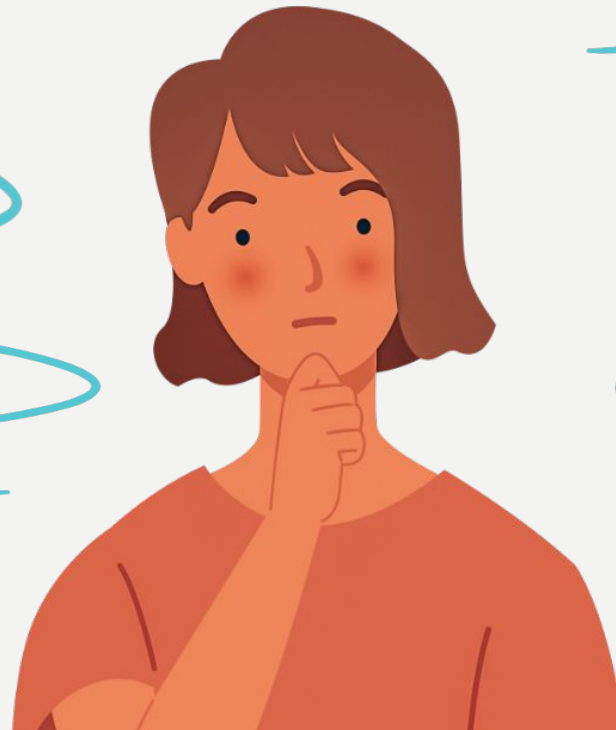
Will I get sick after getting the vaccine?

Can you get other shots with the COVID-19 vaccine?

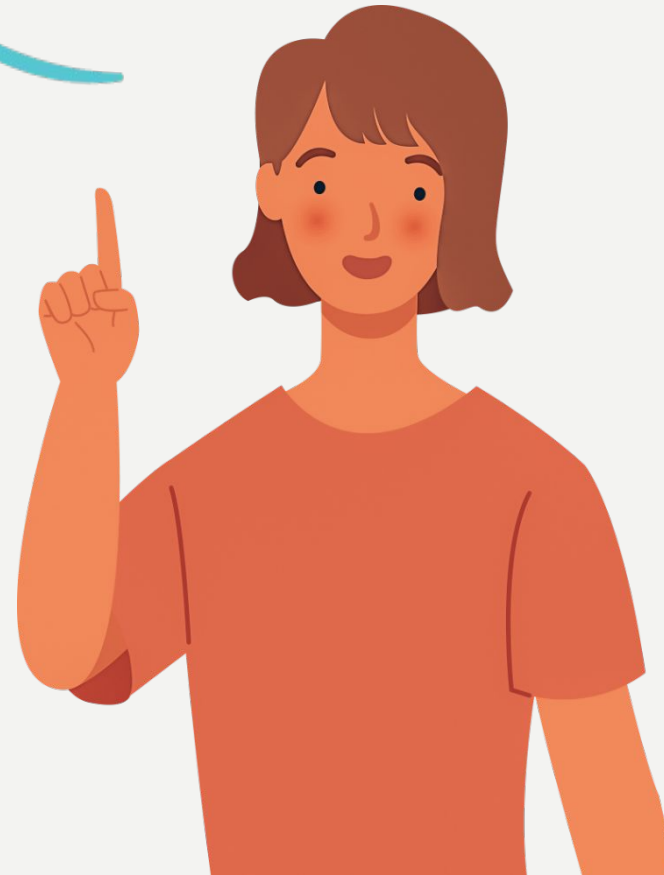
What are the different COVID variants?

What is herd immunity?

How soon after testing positive can I get vaccinated?



Your Questions Answered



Get Vaccinated!

SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT
ONLINE:

vaccinate.virginia.gov

SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT
OVER THE PHONE:

877-VAX-IN-VA
(877-829-4682)

For all other COVID-19 related
concerns:

<https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/>

