



## NORTHWEST REGION HEALTHCARE COALITION

# WEEKLY RECAP

January 10 - January 14, 2022

## COVID-19 Testing Update

As retail pharmacies and urgent cares continue to be offer very limited testing availability, EDs are continuing to be overwhelmed by asymptomatic and mild Covid-19 patients coming in for testing. VDH has continued to expand its community testing capabilities. Local Health Districts have not only increased testing numbers but also added more community testing events. VDH is opening nine new testing sites across the state working in conjunction with the vaccine clinics. One of these testing centers will be in

the Blue Ridge Health District. It will be appointment only with scheduling through VASE+. Additionally, the Central Shenandoah Health District anticipates receiving a mobile testing unit as early as next week as part of a request through FEMA.

Additionally, for profit testing sites have opened across the commonwealth providing accessible testing for those with insurance or the means to pay the out of pocket fee. While these locations are not accessible to those without means they tend to have more available appointments.

**[VDH January 11 Covid Update](#)**

**[VHHA ED Trip Press Release](#)**



## NWRHCC

Winter weather is expected to hit the NW Region this weekend. There are potentials of 9-11 inches of snow. VHHA has created a statewide VHASS event and the NWRHCC staff members will be monitoring the weather and event log. As a reminder, please reach out to the NWRHCC with any requests or weather related updates. You can always reach NWRHCC staff using the 24/7 emergency number.

[Executive Order Eighty-Five](#)

## Longterm Care

The LTC MAP Tabletop Exercise will take place Tuesday, January 18.

## Training & Exercise

The Statewide Communication Test was Wednesday morning. You can view the participation [here](#).

## Hospitals

Due to the Omicron Variant Covid-19 surge Governor Northam has issued Executive Order Eighty-Four declaring a temporary 30 day limited state of emergency to provide operational relief for hospitals and healthcare workers. The NWRHCC appreciates your participation in the weekly Northwest Hospital Covid-19 Surge call on Wednesdays at 11 am. As a reminder any feedback from this call is useful to provide awareness during the weekly VDH Covid Task Force call.

## In the News

[CMS Vaccine Mandate Upheld Hospitals in Half of US States Close to Capacity as Omicron Continues Surge](#)

[Supreme Court Halts COVID-19 Vaccine Rule for US Businesses](#)

[State Police Advise Limited Travel — Including Along I-95 — With More Winter Weather in Virginia's Forecast](#)





# LOOKING AHEAD

## Upcoming Trainings & Exercises

### **Covid-19 Variants and Infection Prevention (Webinar)**

Patient Safety & Quality Healthcare will be hosting a webinar, including OSHA Emergency Temporary Standards and CMS vaccine mandates on Thursday, January 20.

[Register](#)

### **Human Trafficking Awareness Webinar**

The Region 3 MRCs will be hosting a virtual webinar on human trafficking awareness on Thursday, January 27 at 2pm.

[Register](#)

### **Nursing in Crisis: Rebuilding the Talent Supply Chain from Within and Reversing the Nursing Shortage**

Becker's healthcare [webinar](#) Monday, January 31 at 12pm.

### **Fit Test Train the Trainer**

VDH will be offering a free Fit Test Train the Trainer for healthcare partners within the region. This will be an in-person training hosted at the Ruckersville Volunteer Fire Company on Tuesday, February 15. \*Space is limited\*

[Register](#)

## Covid-19

[Covid-19 Emergency Declaration Waivers for Healthcare](#)

[CMS Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Executive Order Eighty-Four](#)

[Covid-19 Guidance for Hospital Reporting](#)

## Notes & Recordings

VA Hospital Covid-19 Update  
([1.7.2022](#))

VA Hospital Covid-19 Update Slides ([1.7.2022](#))

Ballard Health Safe at Home  
([1.7.2022](#))

Covid-19 VDH Partner Call  
([1.14.2022](#))

