



NORTHWEST REGION HEALTHCARE COALITION

WEEKLY RECAP

January 16 - 20, 2023

COVID-19 VDH Update

Weekly case rates have declined for two weeks in a row. The seven-day moving average of new cases was 17.55 / 100k on Jan-17. This is down 37% in a fortnight. Only sixteen counties and cities are reporting high COVID19 community levels. This is down from 65 locales last week. The CDC recommends residents of these areas wear masks when in indoor public places. Another 64 areas report medium community levels. High-risk individuals should consider masking in these areas. The CDC estimates that the novel XBB.1.5 subvariant is now dominant in Virginia. It represents approximately 60% of all new cases. We expect this

growth trend to continue, as XBB.1.5 displaces its peers. Hospital occupancy remains elevated but is declining slowly. The 7-day moving average is now 845. This is down 15% in two weeks. ICU and ventilator patient numbers are also down slightly. Influenza hospitalization rates have also declined significantly, though flu seasons sometimes have a second wave. Models forecast a decline in flu with slight rise in COVID19. Overall, it is expected that patient load at Virginia's hospitals will be stable for the rest of the month.

[Covid-19 Community Levels](#)

[CDC & Health Commissioner Updates](#)

[COVID-19 and Monkeypox Updates for Virginia](#)

[Respiratory Illness Update](#)



Long-term Care

Fish is eager to meet our partners. We are scheduling our annual site visits. If you have not yet had a site visit this funding year, please [schedule](#) one. This is an opportunity for the NWRHC staff to get to know you and for facility better, as well as better prepare you for CMS surveyor visits or ask any questions you may have.

Fish is also in the process of restarting the MVP Advisory Workgroup which is a chance for our MVP partners to openly discuss issues or topics of their choice.

NWRHC

The NWRHC will host a virtual tabletop exercise Thursday, February 9 at 10:30am on our Radiological Annex. Participation in this exercise will count as a community-based exercise to meet CMS requirements. Please be on the lookout for exercise documents and the meeting link which will be sent out closer to the exercise date.

In the News

[New York healthcare worker vaccine mandate 'null, void,' judge rules](#)

[After losing 11 nursing homes, providers beg lawmakers for major Medicaid hike](#)

['Tripledeemic' has peaked, CDC data suggests](#)

['Patients are going to die': Hospital access meltdown in Central California leaves officials in search of solutions](#)

[Feds: Nursing home owner pilfered \\$4M, skimped on Ida evacuation site](#)

[Many healthcare workers can't identify emergency codes](#)

Other Resources

2023 Public Health Webinar Series for Virginia Hospital and Health Systems

[Recording](#) [Slides](#)

Workplace Violence Prevention in Healthcare

[PSQH Podcast](#)

The ASPR Exchange
[Issue 16: Decedent Management in Disasters](#)





LOOKING AHEAD

Trainings, Exercises & Education

VHEMP Spring Summit

April 19, 2023

This will be an all-day opportunity to network and learn about the VHEMP program and your coalitions. The Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association is hosting the event for all of our coalition partners across the state. This will be hosted at the Westin in Richmond. Rooms are limited; if you would like to attend, please let [Ashley](#) know so accommodations can be made.

TEEX MGT 341 - Disaster Preparedness for Healthcare Organizations within the Community Infrastructure

Wednesday, April 26 - Thursday, April 27

This course provides information specific to healthcare organizations vulnerability to a disaster. During this **free** FEMA sponsored course, participants will be introduced to the various natural, technological, and civil hazards to which healthcare organizations may be vulnerable and the potential impacts of those hazards.

[Register](#)

Medical Response and Surge Exercise

Thursday, April 13

As a reminder, our annual exercise will be a full-scale exercise surging 20% of the region's staffed hospital beds. Participation in this week's exercise meet the annual CMS community-based exercise requirement. An exercise refresher will be provided in the March monthly meeting. We are looking into providing CEs for EMS providers who participate.

Basic Disaster Life Support Advanced Disaster Life Support

May 2 - 4, 2023

These courses are required for the Level III Certified Healthcare Emergency Coordinator Certification. Both courses will be hosted at Rockingham County Fire & Rescue Station 41. Please be on the lookout for more details once registration is open. Please reach out to Ashley if you have any questions.

