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## VABA Presents: COVID-19 Digest 15

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You can find the latest updates on COVID-19 infections, recoveries, and deaths here (choose VA in dropdown):

<http://covid19.healthdata.org/>

Also by county:

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/>

See what the governor is saying on his official Web site:

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

As always, the [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov/) and [WHO](https://www.who.int/) have up-to-date and reliable health information.

VABA Has a [Q&A on our Web site](#) to Answer all Your Burning Coronavirus Questions



### Have you seen the new app?

Virginia has rolled-out a phone app to track COVID-19 transmissions. Check it out here:

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

**ADD YOUR  
PHONE  
TO THE  
COVID FIGHT**  
HELP VIRGINIA STOP COVID-19

# This Week's Highlight:

## Vaccine Info



Important links:

[ACIP - Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices](#)  
[VDH COVID-19 Vaccine Web page](#)

The VA Dept of Health has determined that in Phase 1a, vaccines go to health care providers in four segments:

1. Healthcare workers caring for people with COVID-19
2. Healthcare workers caring for those at higher risk of COVID-19 (e.g. kidney dialysis, residential care, and EMS)
3. Other persons in those environments
4. All other Healthcare providers

Phase 1b is for Essential Workers and 1c is for High Risk Adults.

According to the [VDH](#):

### ***Who qualifies as healthcare personnel?***

*All paid and unpaid persons working in health-care settings who have potential for exposure to patients and/or to infectious materials, including body substances, contaminated medical supplies and equipment, contaminated environmental surfaces, or contaminated air (CDC, 11/25/2011).*

Based on this definition, many LBAs, LABAs, and RBTs fall in this category. We have also been defined as essential workers ([Click here](#) and see page 3, #9).

To get the vaccine, either work with your organization or contact the VDH. Here is the specific information:

*The Virginia Disaster Medical Advisory Committee provided [guidance](#) for prioritizing initial COVID-19 vaccines for healthcare workers. The first Virginians receiving vaccines are healthcare workers who care directly for COVID-19 patients. Healthcare facilities all over the state are working to vaccinate these healthcare workers with the initial batches of Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines.*

*Additional batches of vaccine will be coming later in December and early 2021, and all healthcare workers who provide direct patient care will be offered the vaccine as more supply is available.*

*Phase 1a Healthcare Providers who do not have access to the vaccine through their workplace should contact their [local health department](#).*

