



COVID-19 Vaccines and Vaccination

Fairfax County Health Department

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COVID-19 Vaccination Strategy

- The nation is facing vaccine supply constraints
- Vaccination will be recommended for everyone, but targeted while supply is limited
 - Vaccination is targeted to prevent serious illness and death and maintain critical societal functions

| Phase | Prevent serious illness & death | Preserve societal functioning |
|-------|---|-------------------------------|
| 1a | Long term care facility residents | Healthcare personnel |
| 1b | Persons 75 years and older Persons 65-74 years old; and Persons with high-risk medical conditions | Frontline essential workers |
| 1c | (65-47 and high-risk medical conditions moved to 1b) | Other essential workers |

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Essential Workers

Frontline Essential Workers

- Police, fire, and hazmat
- Corrections & homeless shelters
- Childcare/K-12 teachers & staff
- Food & agriculture
- Manufacturing
- Grocery store workers
- Public transit workers
- Mail carriers
- Officials needed for continuity of government

Other Essential Workers

- Transportation & logistics
- Food service
- Housing & construction
- Finance
- IT & communications
- Energy
- Media
- Legal
- Public safety engineers
- Water & wastewater



Overview of Vaccine Allocation, Distribution & Administration

- Virginia receiving about 105,000 doses per week; proposed 16% increase
- Vaccine distributed per capita to health districts
 - Current Fairfax weekly allocation is 13,600
- Vaccine administered by FCHD at PODs and redistributed to other providers
 - FCHD PODS at Government Center, FCHD clinics, Fairfax High School (weekday/weekend)
 - Governor's target ~50% of vaccine to older adults and ~50% to occupational groups
- Administration of 2nd doses is also occurring at scheduled intervals (Pfizer – 3 weeks; Moderna – 4 weeks)- additional vaccine supply for 2nd doses
- When supply is sufficient, vaccine will be administered by private providers, pharmacies, occupational health clinics, etc. (similar to flu)

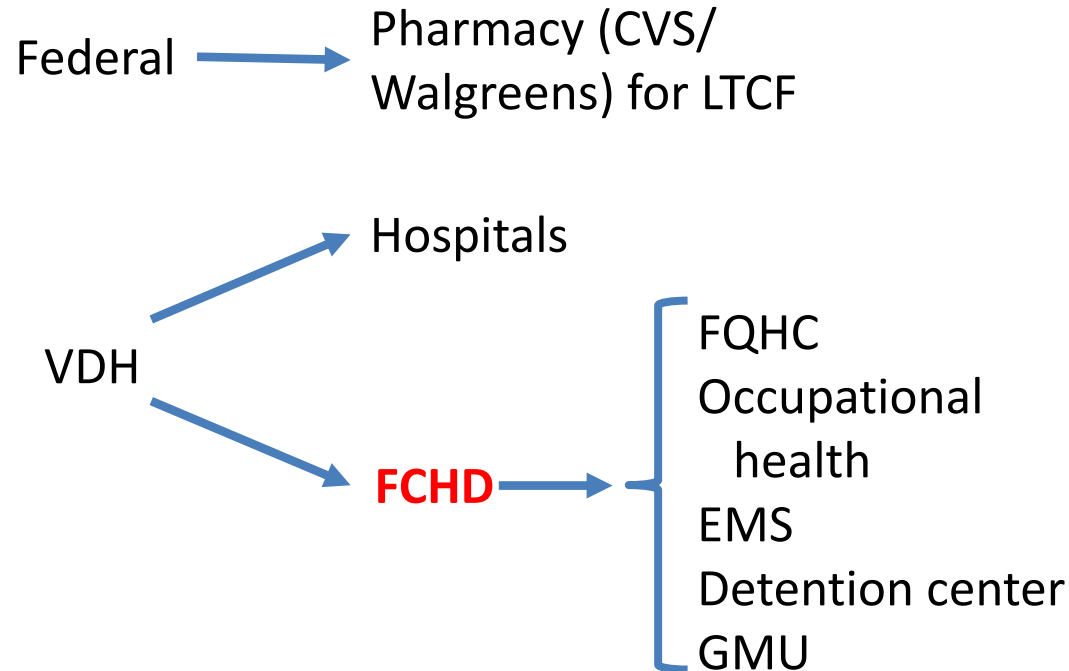
Vaccine Handling & Distribution

- Vaccine arrives at FCHD Pharmacy
- Storage & cold chain maintained – ultra-cold for Pfizer vaccine
- Allocated for redistribution and PODs including vaccine and supplies for administration
- Track number of doses available & administered (1st & 2nd doses)
- Eliminate vaccine wastage

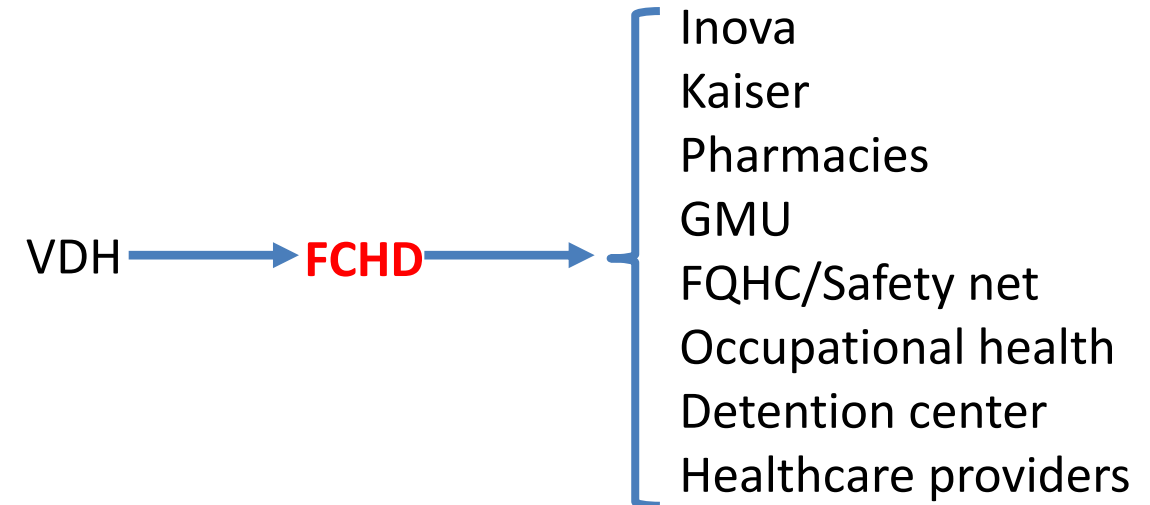


Approach to COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution

Phase 1 a



Current



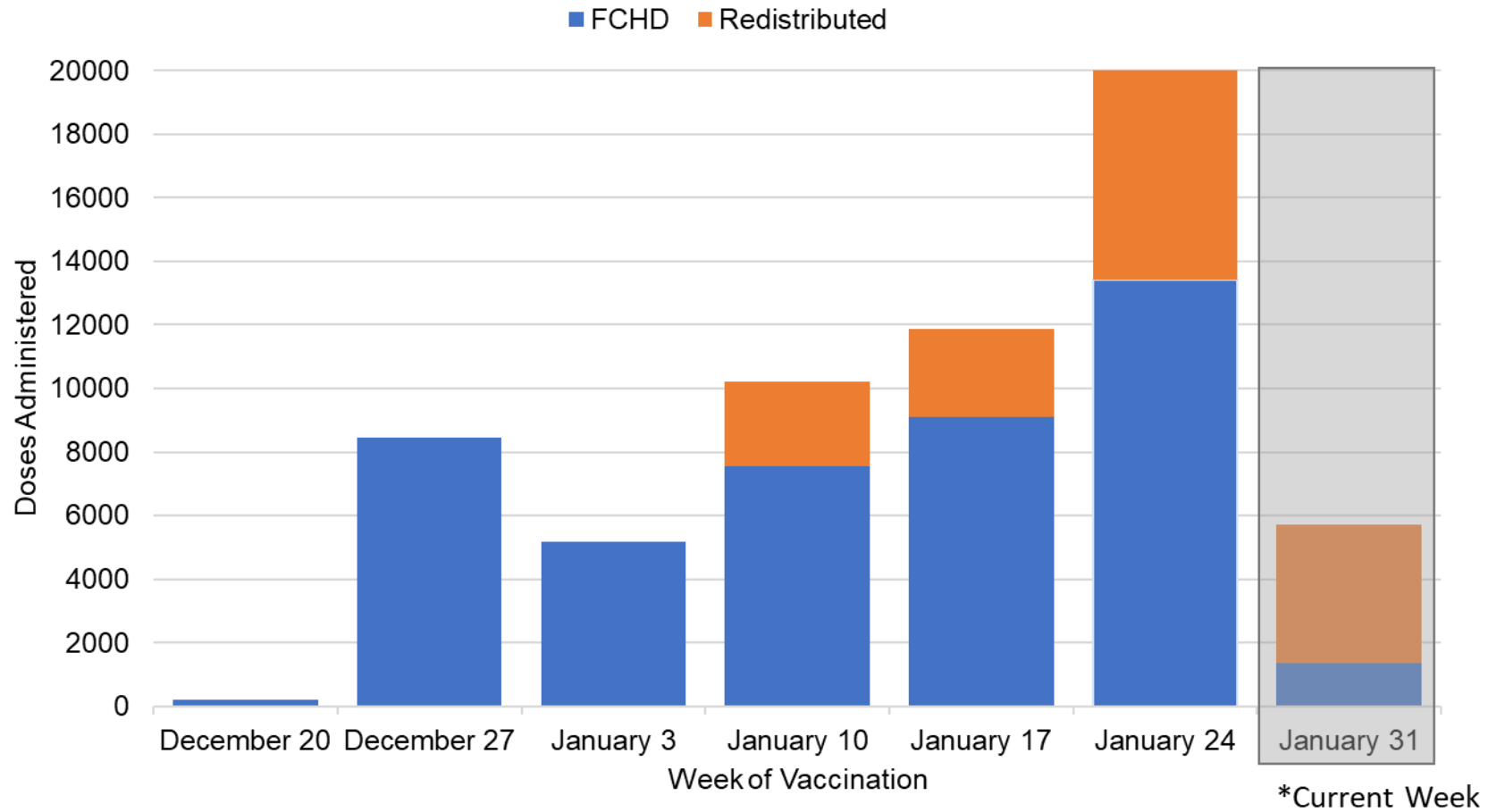


Progress Vaccinating Fairfax County

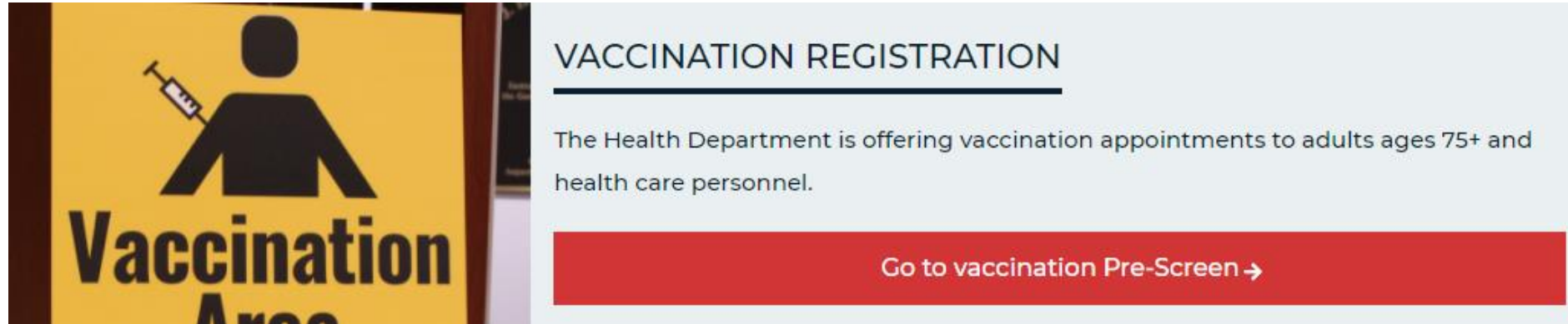
- Doses received by FCHD: 58,825 first doses & 25,800 second doses
- Doses administered by FCHD and by others after redistribution
 - 45,238 doses administered by FCHD & 16,368 doses administered by others
 - 53,731 first doses & 7,875 second doses administered
- 2,936 residents and 3,133 staff vaccinated at 45 Skilled Nursing and Assisted Living Facilities; 14 additional facilities vaccinating by mid-February
- About 75,000 doses reported administered by Inova (employees, affiliated and other healthcare workers, patients, teachers, childcare center staff)



FCHD Vaccine Doses Administered by Week



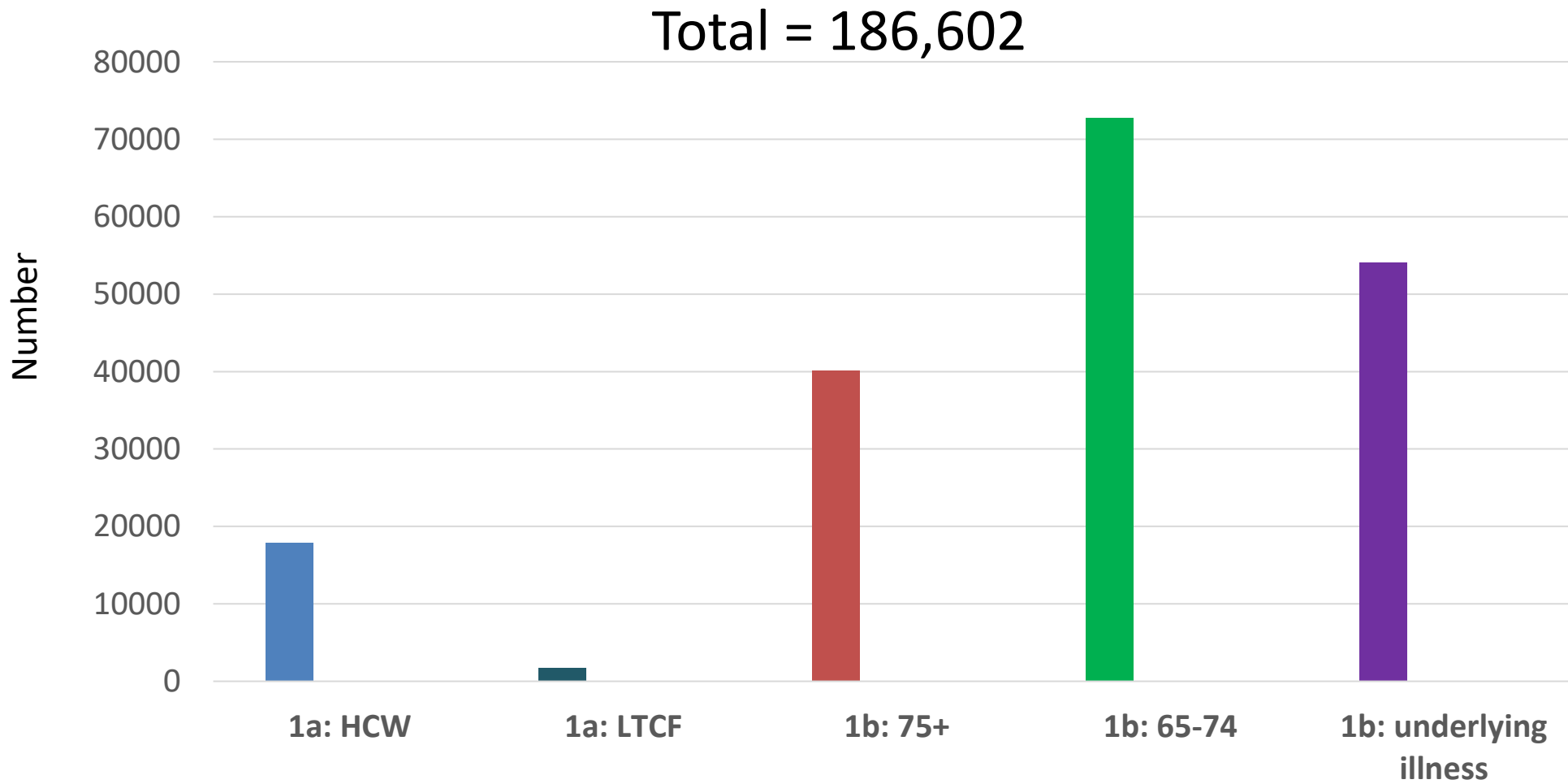
Registration Information



- Multiple communications channels when a group becomes eligible
- Pre-registration at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health/novel-coronavirus/vaccine> or through the call center at (703) 324-7404
- Periodic messaging to those in the queue to “remain patient” is planned
- E-mail to schedule vaccination when slots become available
- E-mail reminder when second dose is due



Pre-registration Queue for Vaccination at FCHD, 2/1/21





Addressing Vaccine Hesitancy & Disparities

- Surveys show greater hesitancy among African Americans who also are at greater risk of severe disease
- In Fairfax, among those 75+, early scheduling for vaccination is lower in African American and Hispanic populations
- Multiple activities to address vaccine hesitancy
 - Media
 - Outreach – “Word of Mouth” campaign
 - Partnership with community leaders and organizations (e.g., Multicultural Advisory Council, providers from ethnic communities, clergy)
 - BOS newsletters



Vaccine Communications

4-page Special Edition of Golden Gazette: COVID-19 vaccine for older adults available online and distributing **Feb. 2021**

COVID-19 vaccine video stories highlighting personal experiences
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Emergency Blogs

- COVID-19 Vaccine Development Safe & Effective (2)
- Pfizer & Moderna Vaccines: What you need to know
- COVID-19 vaccine available in Fairfax County for eligible groups (4)
- COVID-19 vaccine appointment registration opens
- How to schedule appointments online (2)
- Frequently Asked Questions-FAQs (2)
- Older adults and COVID vaccine
- What to know about limited vaccine supply

Total views: **479,524**

Media Events

Invited media to vaccine POD at Herndon Reston District Office
Dec. 30

Media coverage of Government Center POD
Jan. 2; Jan. 9; Jan. 16; Jan. 23

Total media requests: **60**

Vaccine info text alerts: **17**

Community presentations: **20**

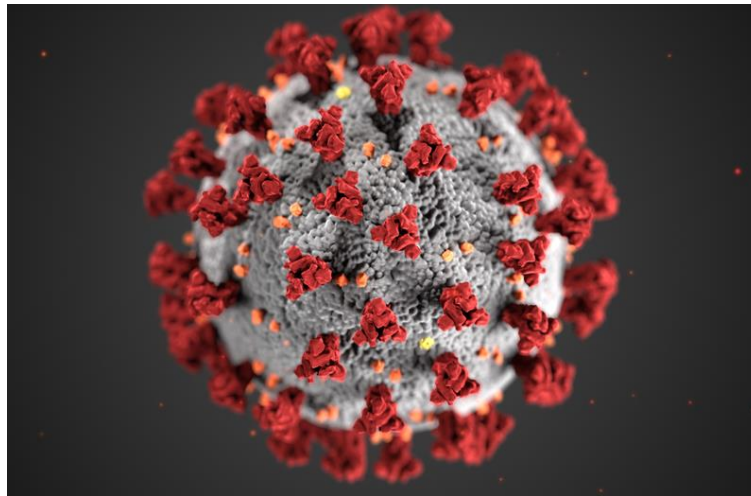
Direct emails

Healthcare providers
Long-term care facilities
Childcare staff
Private school staff
Public Safety

Calls to hotline:
59,125

Emails to inbox:
3,477

Questions?



For more information: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health/novel-coronavirus/vaccine>