

COVID-19 UPDATE

February 26, 2021



Top Things To Know

- 2nd Dose Clinic (Moderna only):** If you received your first dose of Moderna vaccine from the Health District or a pharmacy partner on or before Jan. 29, visit Radford University's Dedmon Center, 101 University Dr., on **Sat., Feb. 27, between 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.** for your 2nd dose. *Required: picture ID, vaccination card.*
- Centralized statewide pre-registration system is live.** Visit NRVRoadtoWellness.com. Already pre-registered but cannot find your information in the state's system? Please note **the state is still integrating data** from previous pre-registration systems. There is no need to pre-register again.
- Businesses:** Continue to sign up to schedule your employees as a group. Visit NRVRoadtoWellness.com or contact Ashley Briggs at 540-639-9313 or abriggs@nrvc.org.
- NRV Vaccine Scheduling Center** is scheduling appointments for pre-registered 65+ individuals. Be sure the scheduling number is not blocked on your phone 540-838-8222. The state call center (877-VAX-IN-VA or 877-829-4682) is available every day 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. to assist with pre-registration and vaccine questions. The state call center operators speak English and Spanish and translations are available for 100+ languages.
- Precautions are still important**, even after vaccination. **Wear** a mask. **Watch** your distance. **Wash** your hands.

COVID-19 Data

As reported to VDH, by date of lab report.

May differ from other sources, due to reporting lags. Totals are cumulative, since March 2020.

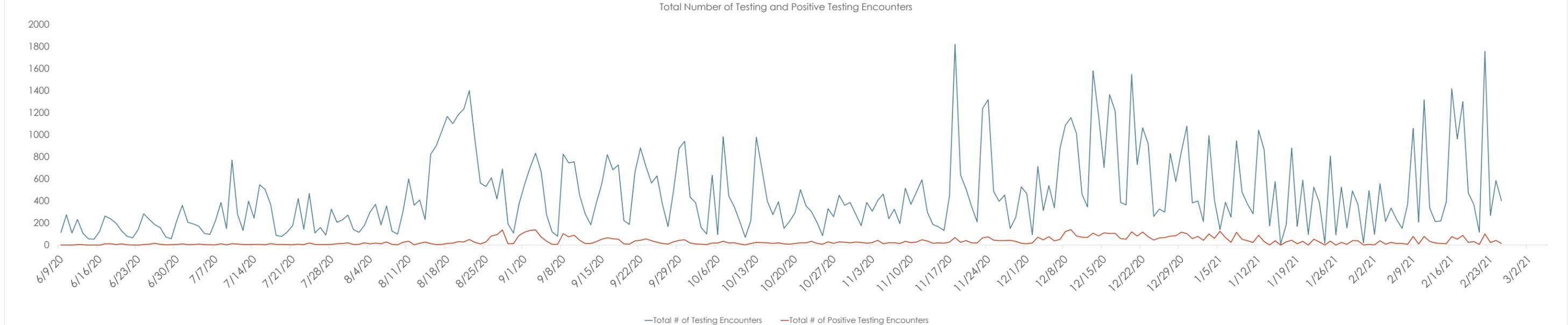
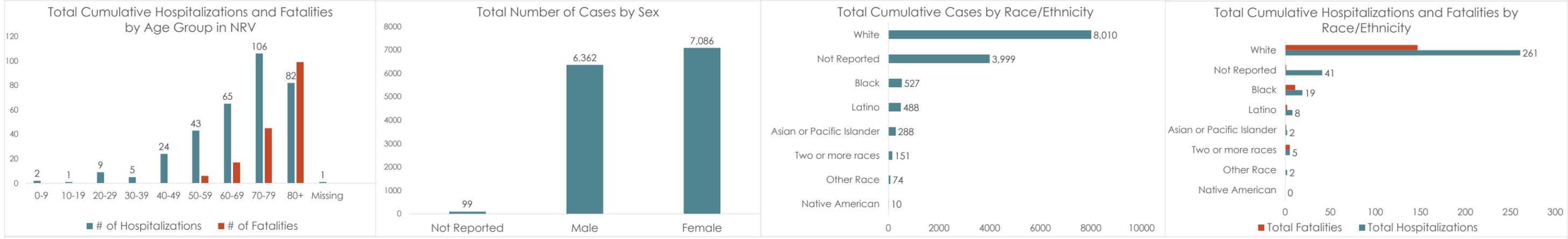
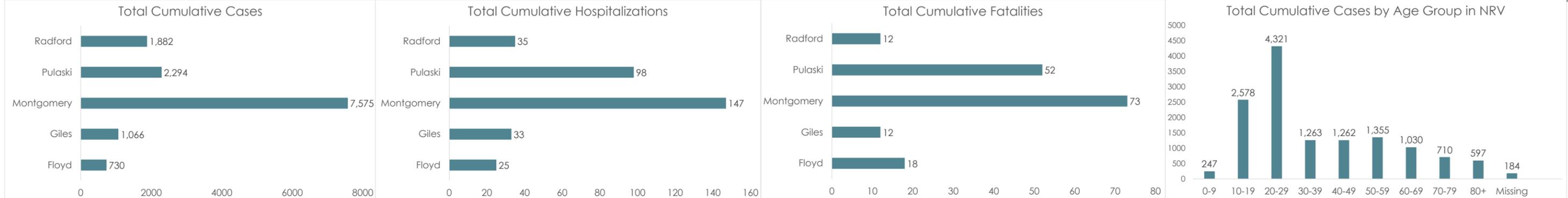
	New cases, today	New cases, 7-day avg.	Total cases	Total hospitalizations	Total deaths	Total vaccines given
Floyd County	2	1	730	25	18	2,964
Giles County	1	5	1,066	33	12	4,344
Montgomery County	37	55	7,575	147	73	23,514
Pulaski County	6	4	2,294	98	52	7,687
Radford City	1	3	1,882	35	12	6,040
New River Health District	47	68	13,547	338	167	44,549
Virginia	1,657	1,816	572,639	23,978	8,197	1,709,828

Fast Facts

- Today, there are **15** COVID-19-positive patients hospitalized & **1** persons under investigation.
- Help stop the spread of variants. **It's time to double down on personal precautions.**
- Vaccines status: We remain in Phase 1b, while completing Phase 1a.**
- Pre-registered for a vaccine? What's next?** Please do not call or email to check your status. **Please be patient. You will be contacted ASAP** to make an appointment.
- We administer all available vaccines.** We have the capacity to give 1,200 vaccines per day, but we lack supply.
- Some local **Pharmacy Partners** help provide high priority vaccines close to home for those most vulnerable.
- COVID-19 testing is available:**
Montgomery Co. Health Dept. in Christiansburg, Mon., Wed. & Fri., 9-11 a.m. Appointments required. 540-267-8240.
Giles Co. Health Dept. in Pearisburg, Mon.-Fri., 8:30-10:30 a.m., No appointment required.
- Sign up for vaccine notifications at NRVRoadtoWellness.com.**
- Celebrate every vaccine that is given, even if it's not in your arm!**

New River Valley COVID-19 Snapshot as of 2/26/2021

New Cases Today	Total Cases in NRV	7-Day Average # of Daily New Cases	Total Hospitalizations	Total Fatalities
47	13,547	68	338	167



Source: Virginia Department of Health COVID-19 Data, 2020 available at <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/>

Weekly Update with Dr. Bissell

February 24, 2021



Press Statement from Dr. Bissell

Good afternoon. I have some interesting epi graphs this week with data broken down a little differently, and then I'll share a few updates on our vaccination efforts before taking your questions.

Overall, our numbers are down from the holiday peak and have seemed to plateau around 400 cases/week. Without university students and long-term care outbreaks, the numbers are clearly declining.

The university has positives from surveillance testing. Our investigations are revealing that there are cases which are not new infections, but rather tests which have remained positive past the 10 day infectious period.

School age children are at the lowest numbers since November. Next are the 18-24 year old non-university students. This population doesn't show the same degree of decline, likely because they tend to engage in riskier behaviors.

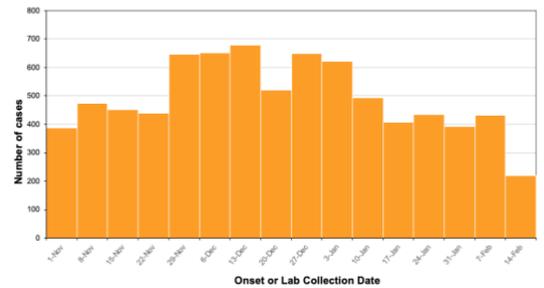
The 25-59 year old group, mostly our working population, is down at its lowest levels since Nov 1.

Our older community members are down significantly as well (this excludes our long-term care outbreaks); this is great to see as this is our highest risk population. They are the population we have really targeted early with vaccination, which is making a difference. Hospitalizations and deaths are down too.

When we break down the numbers by locality, we see a similar divergence.

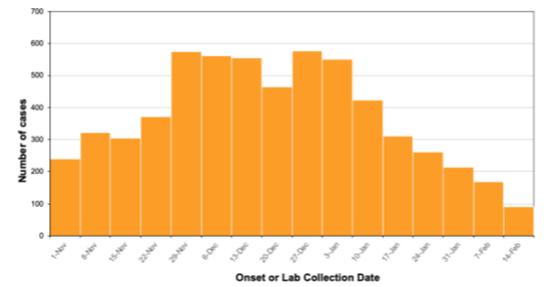
In Montgomery County, case numbers have grown since mid-January with the return of university students. We expected this, although it has not been nearly as

NRHD, COVID-19 Epi Curve, 1 Nov – 23 Feb, by Week of Onset or Lab Collection Date



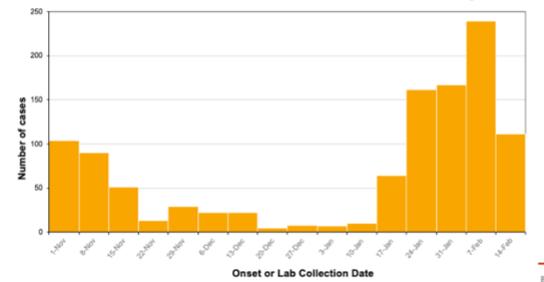
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NRHD, COVID-19 Epi Curve, Without University Students and LTC Outbreaks 1 Nov – 23 Feb, by Week of Onset or Lab Collection Date



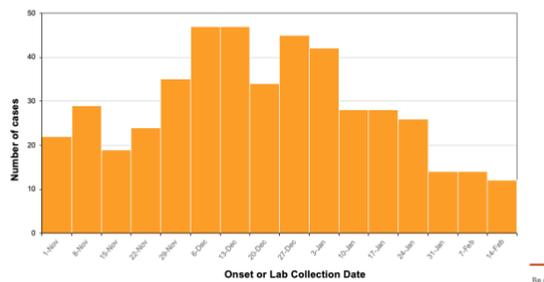
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NRHD, COVID-19 Epi Curve, Aged 5 – 17, 1 Nov – 23 Feb, Excluding University Students, by Week of Onset or Lab Collection Date



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significant as we saw in the fall of 2020 when students returned to campuses. We are still investigating positive cases, and many are turning out to be old infections.

In all of our other localities – Radford, Floyd, Giles, and Pulaski – numbers have continued to drop since early January.

Even with a decline in cases, we still encourage everyone to remain vigilant with COVID-19 precautions, especially with variants, as we continue to vaccinate our population.

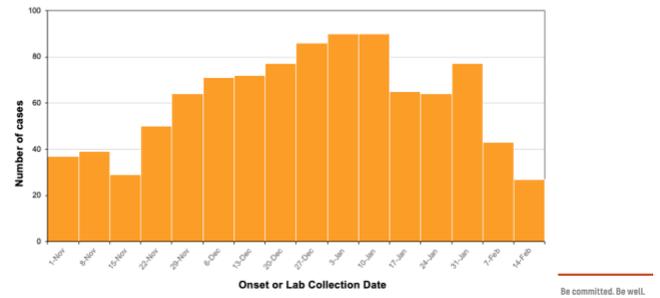
Now for some updates on our vaccination efforts.

Due to the winter weather last week, some of our vaccine shipments were delayed. This mainly affected people coming due for their 2nd dose last Friday and Monday.

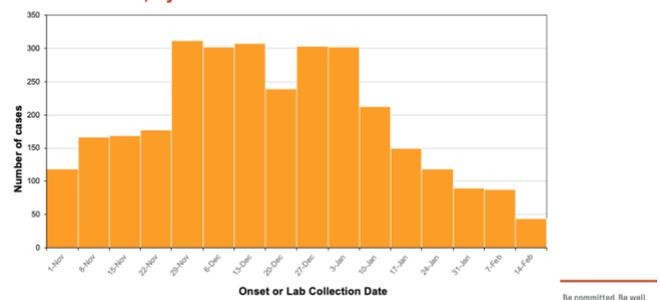
We have now received part of our delayed 2nd dose shipments of both the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines. If you got your 1st dose at Blue Ridge Church, we ask that you return in 28 days (will be the same day of the week) at about the same time of day to get the 2nd dose. Check our nrvroadtowellness.com for updates on 2nd dose availability.

Our most important news is that this Saturday, February 27, from 10am -2pm, we are offering a walk-up 2nd dose Moderna only clinic for anyone who received their first dose before January 29 at the Blue Ridge Church or through one of our pharmacy partners. This will be held on the Radford University campus at the Dedmon Center, 101 University Dr. We've encouraged employers to advise their employees to come Saturday to avoid the lines during the week, but the event will be open to everyone who received their 1st dose of the Moderna vaccine before January 29. We ask everyone to bring their vaccine card and personal identification. There are forms you'll need to fill out. If you want to bring them already completed, you can find the forms on our website, nrvroadtowellness.com. If you know anyone who

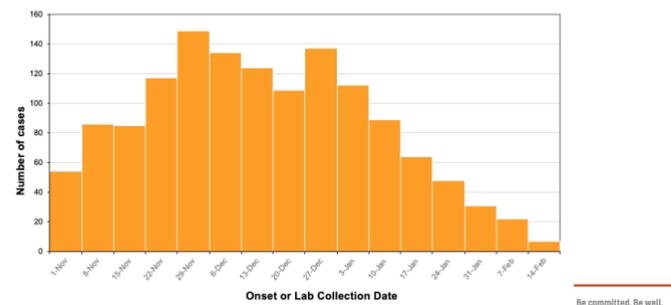
NRHD, COVID-19 Epi Curve, Aged 18-24, 1 Nov – 23 Feb, Excluding University Students and Congregate Setting Outbreaks, by Week of Onset or Lab Collection Date



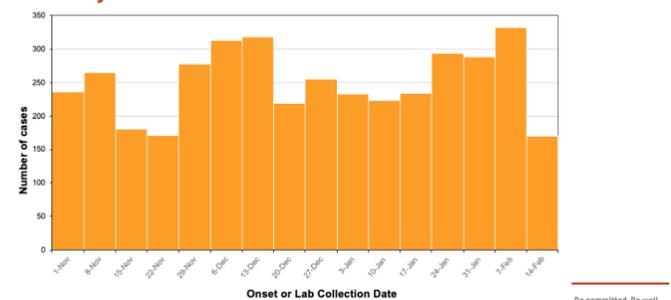
NRHD, COVID-19 Epi Curve, Aged 25-59, 1 Nov – 23 Feb, Excluding University Students and Congregate Setting Outbreaks, by Week of Onset or Lab Collection Date



NRHD, COVID-19 Epi Curve, Aged 60+, 1 Nov – 23 Feb, Excluding Congregate Setting Outbreaks, by Week of Onset or Lab Collection Date



Montgomery Co., COVID-19 Epi Curve, 1 Nov – 23 Feb, by Week of Onset or Lab Collection Date



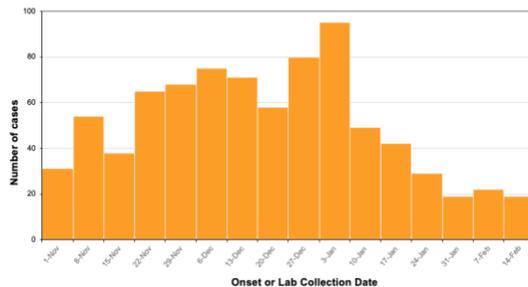
received dose 1 at the health department, Blue Ridge Church or from one of our partners before Jan. 29 and has not yet had their second dose, please encourage them to come to this event. If you cannot come Saturday you can come to the Blue Ridge Church weekdays 9 am – 2:30 pm. Check our website for up-to-date vaccine availability updates, especially when inclement weather is predicted.

It is challenging to hear talk of second doses for people who are still patiently waiting for their first dose. We are vaccinating people in Phase 1b, while completing 1a. We need to remember to be patient, show grace and celebrate every vaccine given as a step in the right direction to end this pandemic.

We receive 2,170 first doses each week for the entire district, and more than 80,000 people in our area are eligible at this time. To date, the New River Health District has administered 25,636 vaccines and redistributed 6815 vaccines to our community partners. We still do not have nearly enough supply for everyone who is eligible. Virginia is not likely to meet the demand for Phase 1b until late March or April. Unfortunately, it may be weeks or longer before vaccination appointments become available for those who have pre-registered.

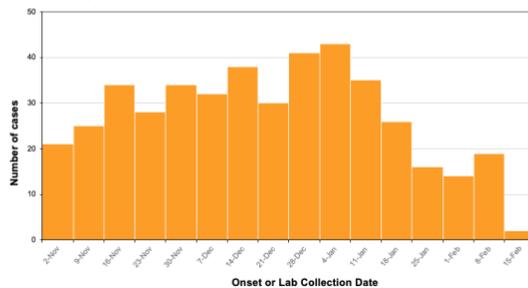
Meanwhile, the best way to keep ourselves and our communities safe is to wear a mask, watch your distance and wash your hands.

Radford City, COVID-19 Epi Curve, 1 Nov – 23 Feb, by Week of Onset or Lab Collection Date



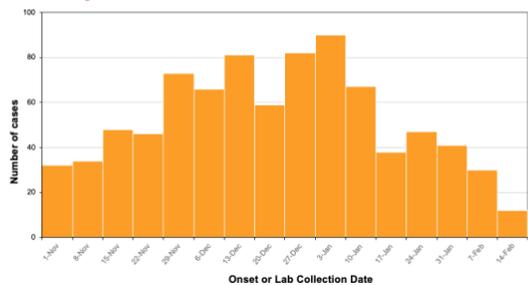
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Floyd Co., COVID-19 Epi Curve, 1 Nov – 23 Feb, by Week of Onset or Lab Collection Date



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Giles Co., COVID-19 Epi Curve, 1 Nov – 23 Feb, by Week of Onset or Lab Collection Date



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—Dr. Noelle Bissell, Director, New River Public Health District.