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**Press Statement from [Name of Health Center} about COVID-19**

As a trusted community partner, we at **[Name of Health Center]** are providing you this information about our health center and COVID-19. Currently, our health center we have **[XX]** COVID-19 cases. We are following procedures recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Virginia Department of Health (VDH). We recommend that people in our community continue to follow measures outlined by the [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html) and [VDH](https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/).

We know at this time, people in our community have many concerns about their healthcare. Below we are sharing some facts about how our Health Center can help.

**EDIT THIE SECTION BELOW TO REFLECT WHAT YOUR HEALTH CENTER OFFERS- IF YOUR HEALTH CENTER OFFERS TELEHEALTH VISITS YOU MAY WANT TO INCLUDE INFORMATION ABOUT THAT.**

**Community Health Centers serve Everyone.**

Community Health Centers provide primary care to anyone, no matter if a person is employed, unemployed, or under-employed. Community Health Centers treat patients who have insurance, patients who don’t have insurance, and patients who use Medicaid or Medicare.

1. **Community Health Centers are located across Virginia.**
2. [Thirty nonprofit Health Center Organizations](https://vacommunityhealth.org/about-the-association/about-chcs/locations/) operate more than 150 locations in Virginia.
3. **Not working? Can’t afford your medications? Lose your Health Plan? Community Health Centers can help with your care.**
4. Community Health Centers generally offer primary health services at a lower cost. They also have a sliding fee scale which may further reduce the cost of your care.
5. Community Health Centers offer Medication Assistance Programs to help you pay for your medications.
6. If you lose your Health Plan because you are out of work, you may qualify for Virginia’s Medicaid program, or a health insurance marketplace “Special Enrollment Period.” Community Health Centers have Certified Application Counselors who can help you find out what plans and programs are available to you. If COBRA insurance has been offered to you, compare it to other plans or programs that may be available to you.
7. **How to connect with a Community Health Center:**
8. [Contact a Community Health Center](https://vacommunityhealth.org/about-the-association/about-chcs/locations/) to get information, schedule medical appointments, or to connect with a Certified Application Counselor about health plans and Medicaid.
9. **Do you have questions about COVID-19 Vaccines and Boosters?**

1. [Contact a Community Health Center](https://vacommunityhealth.org/about-the-association/about-chcs/locations/) near you to find out their procedures for COVID-19 vaccines and boosters.