

Shenandoah County Administrator's Weekly Memorandum



Weekly Message to the Members of the Board of Supervisors for July 31, 2020

Board of Supervisors Meeting (*Hybrid Meeting Option*): The Board of Supervisors will hold a special called meeting on Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at 4:00 pm to discuss and consider the Certification for Receipt of Coronavirus Relief Funds related to COVID-19.

Information from the Shenandoah County General Registrar: In response to a citizen inquiry received during the public comment period of your Board meeting this past Tuesday, please find attached information from the General Registrar concerning voting matters.

Virginia Department of Health Presentation: Please find attached a presentation that Dr. Greene, Director of the Lord Fairfax Health District, provided to local government leaders this week pertaining to COVID-19.

There will be 3 ways to vote in the Nov. 3rd General Election.

1. On Election Day you may go to your assigned polling place and cast your ballot, as you always have. The polls will be open 6:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

You may also vote Absentee by Mail and In-Person before Election Day. Although this is very similar to what we have done for a number of years, some differences exist.

2. To vote in person before Election Day, a process that is called Early Voting In-Person, the easiest way is first to make sure that you are properly registered to vote **by checking the Virginia Department of Election/ELECT's webpage at www.elections.gov or call the Registrar's office at 540-459-6195.** (Last day to register to vote is 22 days prior to the election, Monday, October 12th for the General Election).

Then simply go the General Registrar's Office, 600 N. Main Street, Suite 103, Woodstock, VA 22664, indicate that you are there to vote, and you will go through a process very similar to what would do in person on Election Day. Office hours are Monday through Friday, and the last two Saturdays prior to the election, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Please note that this procedure was established by the General Assembly with the Approval of the Governor in the last regular legislative session.)

3. To vote Absentee, you simply apply for a ballot and it will be mailed to you. You do not have to provide a reason to vote absentee by mail. This is different from what we have done in the past. (Again, this procedure was established by the General Assembly with the Approval of the Governor in the last regular legislative session.)

You can vote early at your local registrar's office beginning 45 days before Election Day and ending the Saturday before Election Day. Before visiting your local Registrar's office, you may wish to check the Virginia Department of Election/ELECT's webpage at www.elections.gov or call the **Registrar's office at 540-459-6195.** To vote early in-person, take do the following:

- Starting 45 days before Election Day (September 18, 2020 for the General Election), visit your local registrar's office to vote early. Remember, the Saturday (October 31st) before Election Day is the last day to vote early.
- You do not have to have a reason or fill out an application to vote early.
- At the Registrar's office, you must provide your name and address and show an acceptable form of ID or sign an ID Confirmation Statement. To view a complete list of acceptable IDs, please visit www.elections.virginia.gov or call the Registrar's office at 540-459-6195. If acceptable identification is not provided, you must sign an ID Confirmation Statement or a provisional ballot will be offered and you are allowed until the Friday at noon following the election to provide a copy of acceptable identification to the electoral board or sign an ID Confirmation Statement. Provisional voters receive a notice to remind them of the deadline and right to attend the electoral board meeting.
- Accessible equipment and/or curbside voting is available upon request at every precinct including the Central Absentee Precinct (CAP) at the Registrar's office.

APPLYING TO VOTE ABSENTEE BY MAIL

- Apply online at www.elections.virginia.gov to submit an application electronically. Please remember your electronic signature and include a telephone number if possible in the event of issues with your application.
- All PAPER absentee application forms can be found at www.elections.virginia.gov or can be emailed, mailed or faxed to you by the Registrar. Please remember to sign and include a telephone number if possible.
- *Military and overseas voters can find specific information regarding absentee voting on the military and overseas pages at www.elections.virginia.gov.*
- Last day to submit an application to vote absentee by mail is 11 days prior to the date of the election (Friday, October 23rd by 5:00 p.m.).

After applying, you can check to see if your absentee application was received, and whether your ballot was sent and received by going to the citizen's portal.

YOU CAN ALSO SUBMIT YOUR "VOTE BY MAIL" APPLICATION FORM BY MAIL, FAX, OR EMAIL

- Download and complete the Vote by Mail Application Form at www.elections.virginia.gov
- Return the completed and signed form to your local Registrar's office by mail, fax, or scanned attachment to an email to lmcdonald@shenandoahcountyva.us
- After the Registrar processes your application, you will receive your ballot in the mail. Please note: ballots can be mailed out to applicants starting 45 days prior to the relevant election date (September 18th for the General Election).
- Carefully review the instructions to complete and return your ballot to your local registrar by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. If you are returning your ballot by-mail, it must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received by your registrar by noon on the third day after the election.
- **In state elections only some first-time voters who registered by mail may vote absentee by mail only under certain circumstances. See the section below "If it is your first time voting in your county or city" for more information.**

IF IT IS YOUR FIRST TIME VOTING

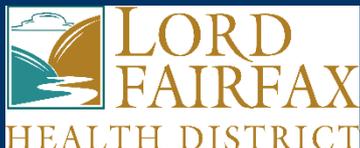
In state and local elections, some first-time voters cannot vote absentee by mail. If you registered to vote by mailing in your voter registration application, and it is your first time voting in your locality, you cannot vote by mail in a state or local election unless you meet one of the following conditions:

- You are a student attending college/university outside of your city/county of residence in Virginia
- You have a disability or illness that prevents you from voting in person
- You are pregnant
- You are confined awaiting trial or you are confined following conviction for a misdemeanor
- You are active duty merchant marine or in the armed forces or a spouse or dependent of an active duty service member
- You are temporarily residing outside of the United States
- You have moved to another state less than thirty days before a Presidential election and you are requesting a ballot for Presidential and Vice-Presidential electors only
- You are age 65 or older

Check with your local General Registrar at 540-459-6195 to confirm your eligibility to vote absentee by mail.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Stats Update

Colin M. Greene, MD, MPH
Health Director, Lord Fairfax Health District
Virginia Department of Health
18 June 2020



Virginia Daily New Cases

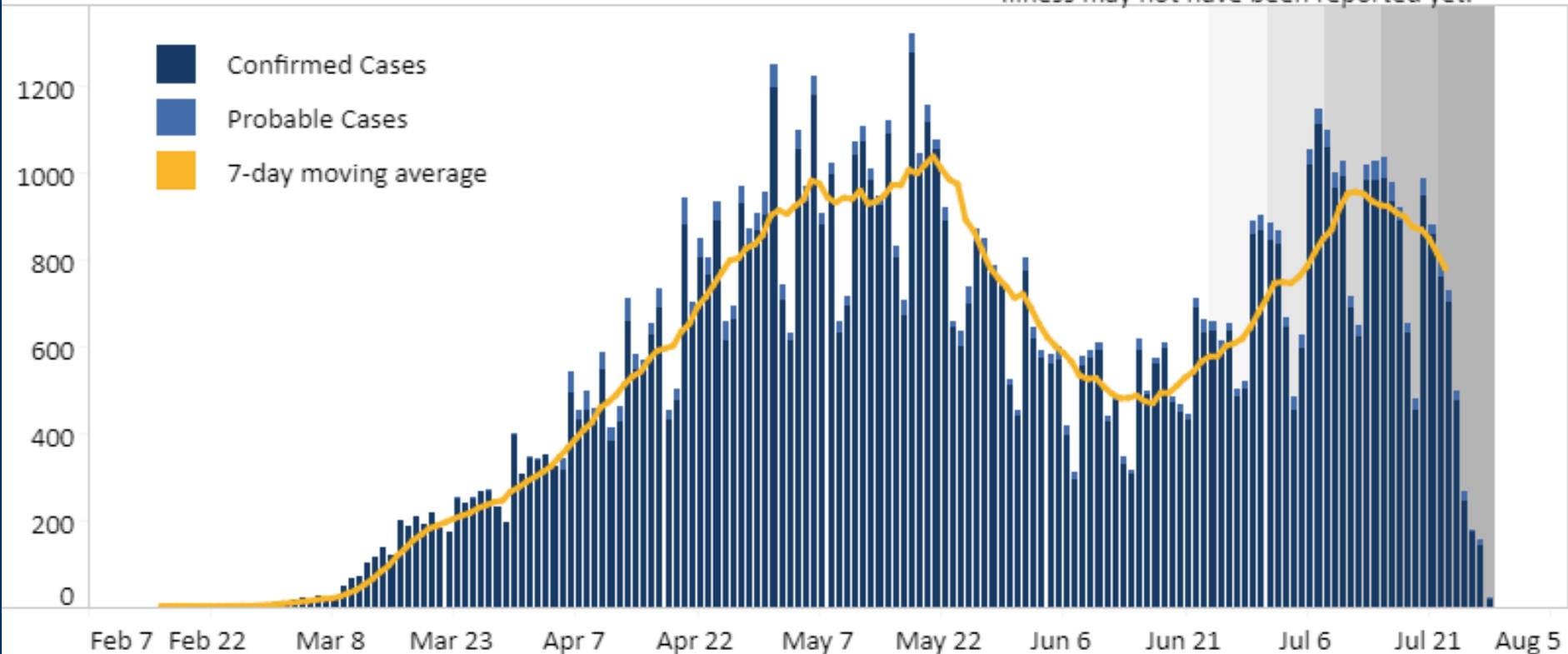
Number of Cases by Date of Symptom Onset

Number of cases by the day closest to when symptoms began.

(Affects Bar Chart)

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Illness may not have been reported yet.



Eastern VA Daily New Cases

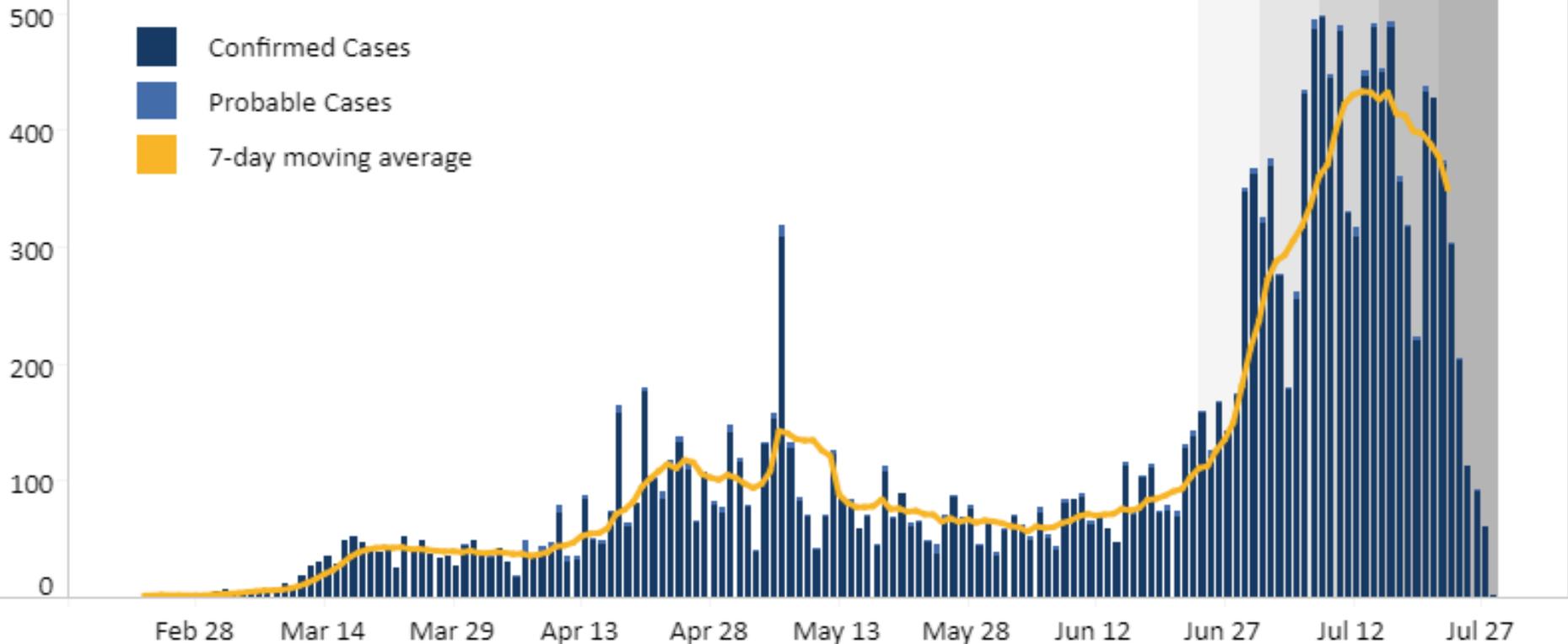
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NW Region Daily New Cases

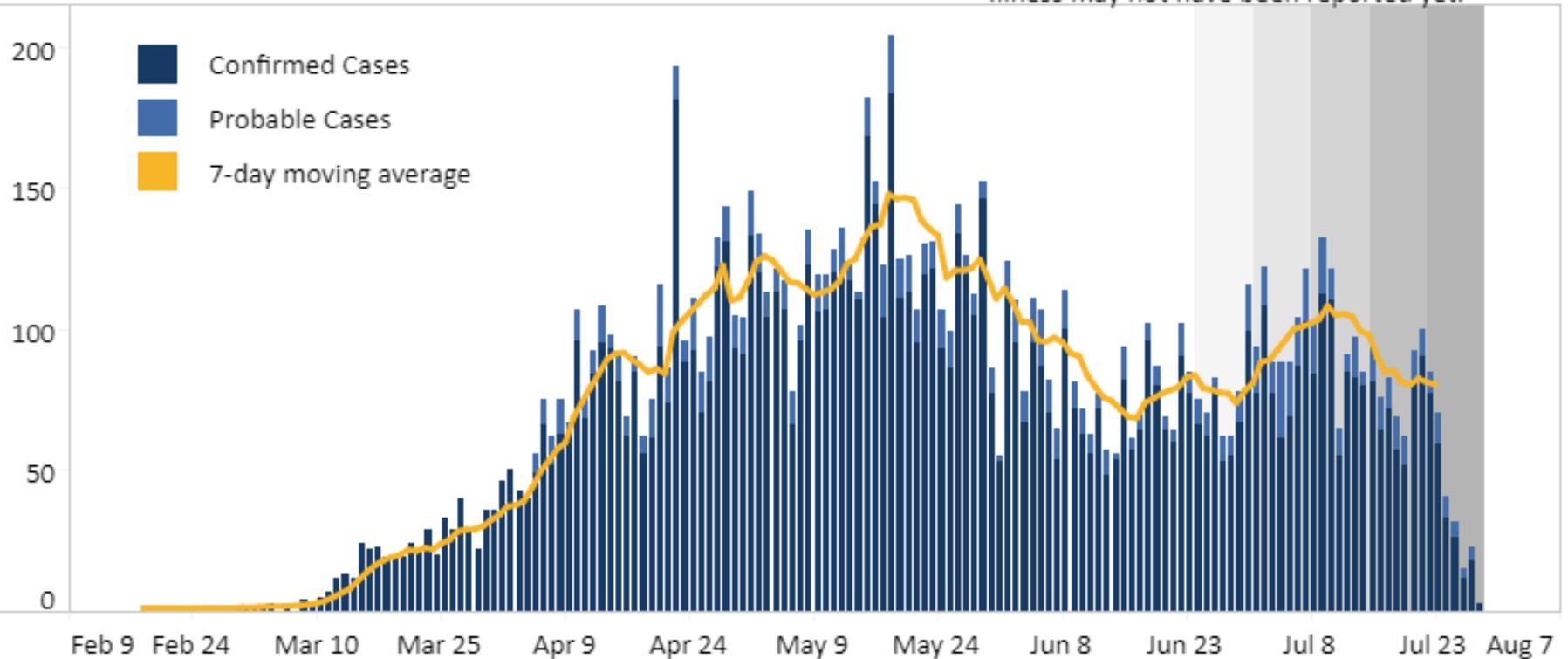
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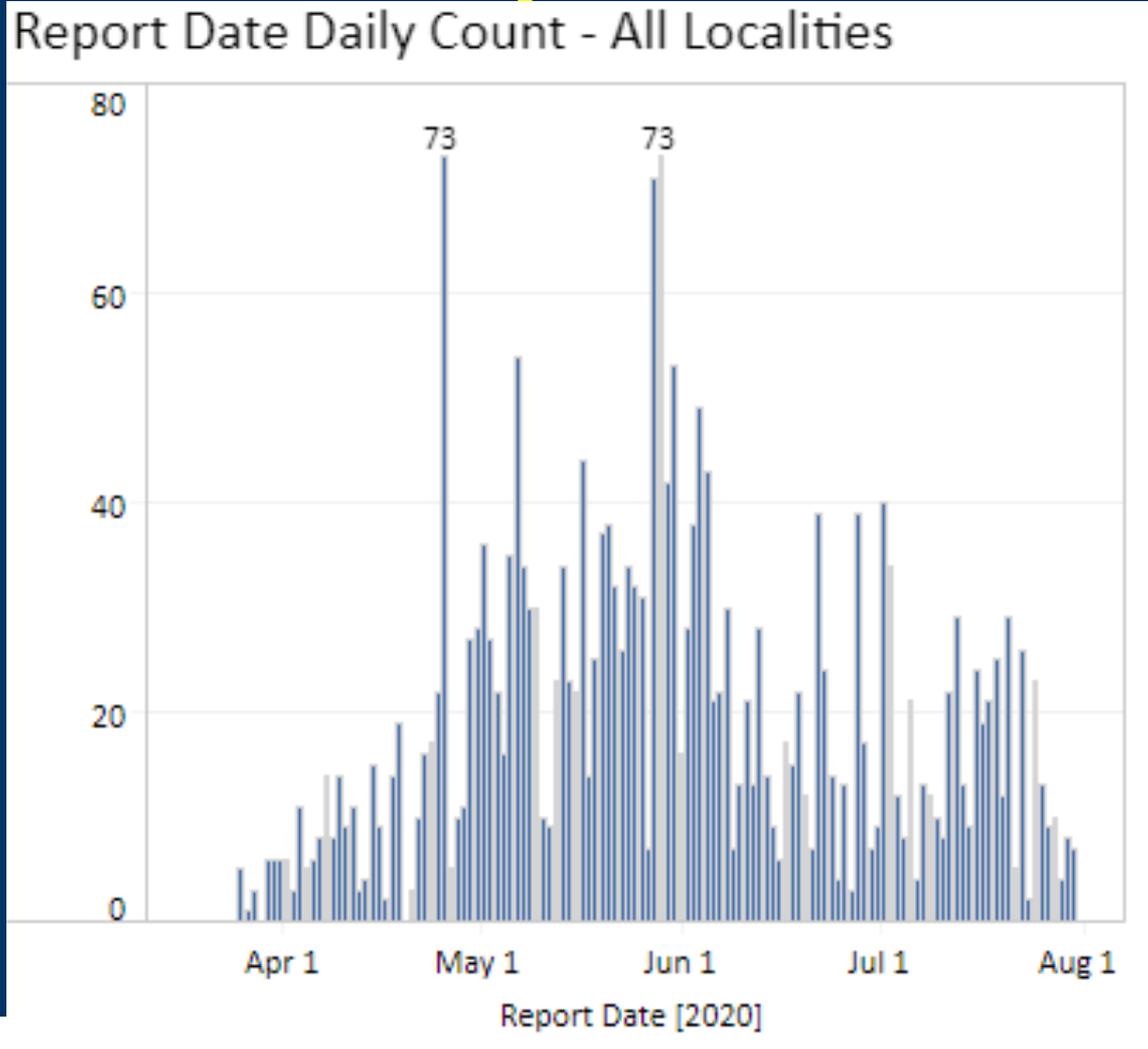
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Northwest

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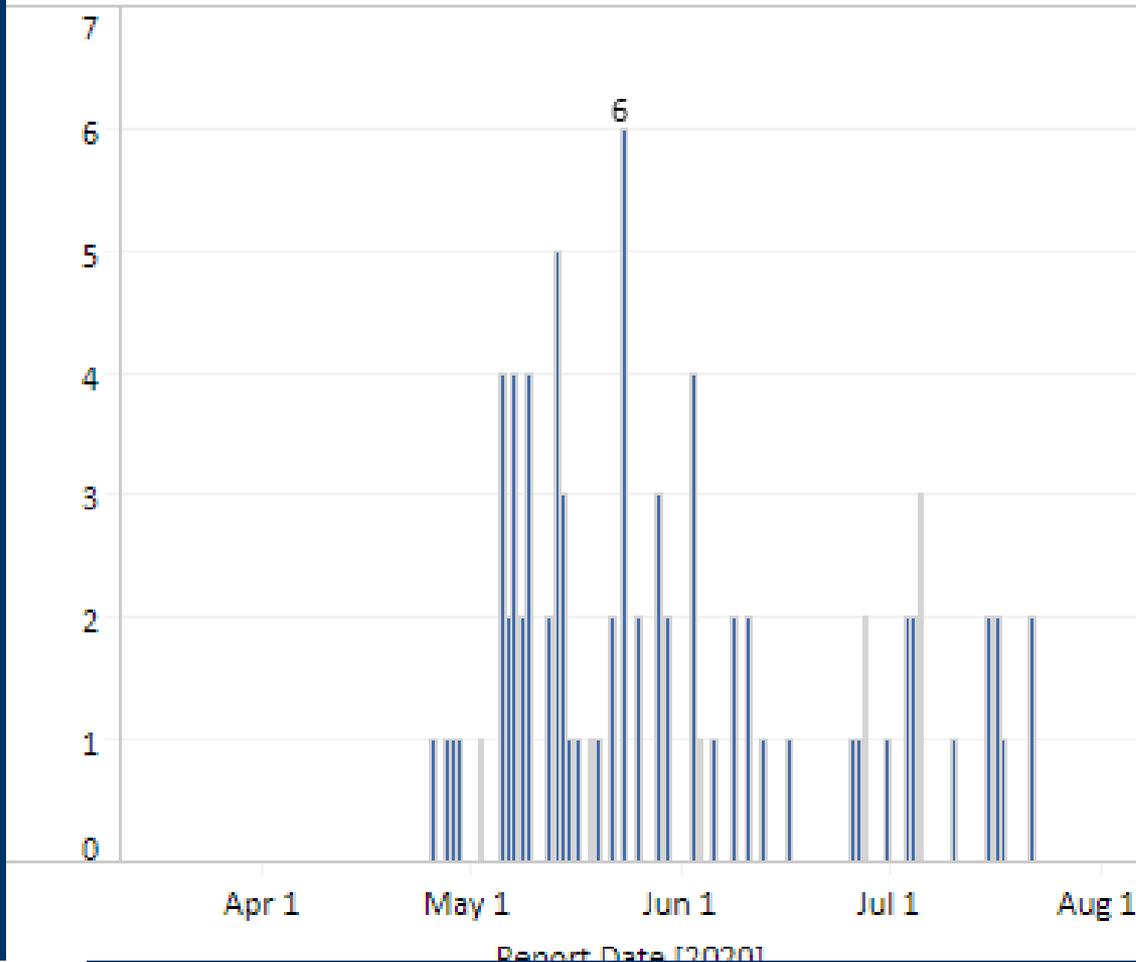


LFHD Daily New Cases



LFHD Daily Deaths

Report Date Daily Count - All Localities



Way Forward (from US Surg Gen)

The 3 Ws:

- WASH your hands (hygiene/cleaning)
- WEAR your mask (just do it)
- WATCH your distance (6+ feet)

Continue until
vaccination
underway

(Maybe New Year's Day?)