



Public Health Recommendations and Guidance for the Albemarle- Charlottesville Regional Jail

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COVID-19 in Virginia: Outbreaks*



Select Health District
(Affects Boxed Numbers and Outbreaks by Facility Type)

Thomas Jefferson

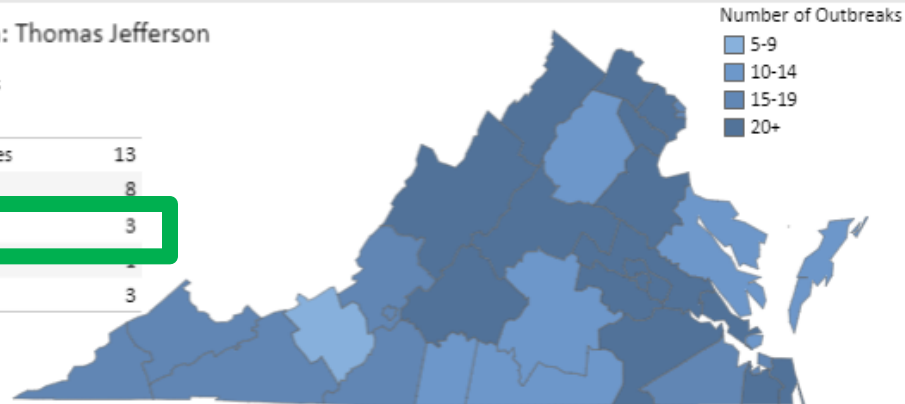
Dashboard Updated: 9/9/2020
Data entered by 5:00 PM the prior day.

Thomas Jefferson Total Outbreaks	Thomas Jefferson Outbreak Associated Cases	Thomas Jefferson Cases in Healthcare Workers
28	470	193

Current Selection: Thomas Jefferson

Number of Outbreaks
by Facility Type

Long Term Care Facilities	13
Congregate Setting	8
Correctional Facility	3
Healthcare Setting	2
Educational Setting	3



Cases and Deaths by Outbreak Facility Type - State Totals

Long Term Care Facilities	Cases	9,685
Correctional Facility	Cases	4,226
Correctional Facility	Deaths	17
Congregate Setting	Cases	3,043
Congregate Setting	Deaths	48
Healthcare Setting	Cases	491
Healthcare Setting	Deaths	18
Educational Setting	Cases	409
Educational Setting	Deaths	0

Number and Facility Type of Outbreak by Date VDH Notified

■ Congregate Setting
 ■ Correctional Facility
 ■ Educational Setting
 ■ Healthcare Setting
 ■ Long Term Care Facilities

Outbreak History

Individual(s) Tested	Test Date
1 incarcerated person (index case)	August 5
3 symptomatic close contacts	August 9 and August 10
4 close contacts	August 14
1 close contact	August 21
1 staff member (no connection to the inmates)	August 17 th
1 staff member	August 25 th
1 staff member	August 26 th

- 1 staff member tested positive on 7/26 (community transmission)
- 8 (4 lab confirmed, 4 presumptive positive) cases among staff in March and April who do not have contact with the inmates

Public Health Recommendations and Actions Taken

- Isolation for individuals who test positive
- Quarantine for close contacts and those entering ACRJ
- Deep cleaning, disinfecting of any spaces inmates were located
- Broad testing based on VDH guidance, plan to manage positive cases and those who require quarantine
- PPE for staff and masks for incarcerated

Testing

Point Prevalence Survey

- Virginia National Guard (VANG) tested **297** individuals incarcerated at ACRJ on 9/9
- TJHD Nurses and Community Testing Team testing all personnel on 9/10 and 9/11

Ongoing testing for individuals entering ACRJ

Post-PPS Mitigation and Containment Strategies

After results from the PPS testing VDH/TJHD recommends ACRJ establish four units:

1. Isolation and care for those who test positive
2. Quarantine those are identified as close contacts and monitor for symptoms
3. For those who test negative and are not considered close contacts
4. Quarantine for newly incarcerated who did not get tested during the PPS

COVID-19 Questions & Answers

Testing

1. **Should asymptomatic inmates be tested upon arrival or soon thereafter?** The Thomas Jefferson Health District's recommendation is to quarantine new introductions into the jail for 14 days upon their arrival. If the jail wishes to test new introductions that is an ACRJ decision, however the VDH does not support this routine testing using the State Lab. You would need to contract through a private entity.
2. **What is the status of exploring vendors that would allow ACRJ to test all inmates upon arrival regardless of whether they are exhibiting symptoms or not?** If we were able to do so, would we be able to retest after potential incubation period? The Jail is currently working with Lab Corp and the University of Virginia Health Services to acquire tests and testing to support new introduction asymptomatic testing.
3. **What type of test are we typically using?** PCR Nasal swab
4. **What is the false positive/negative rate?** Unknown – Would have to determine with a laboratory.
5. **How quick is the testing turn around? Does this vary based on whether the individual is symptomatic?** There is no variation based on symptoms. Typical turnaround time is approx. 4 days using the state lab.
6. **Were all inmates tested for COVID-19?** All but 3 who refused.
7. **How many of the 300 inmates declined testing?** 3
8. **How are inmates placed into quarantine?** Based on risk level determine by a CDC recommended screening tool.
9. **What criteria are used to determine their risk level?** The Jail uses the CDC Screening tool for prisons and jails.
10. **What is the maximum number of inmates per pod?** Varies depending upon space and risk level.

Staff Testing

1. **Do asymptomatic or symptomatic staff members who may or may not have been exposed have to pay for their own tests?** Under The Families First Coronavirus Response Act, no one pays for a test. If they have been exposed or are symptomatic the Jail will coordinate their testing through the TJHD. If they have not been exposed and are asymptomatic, they must coordinate their own test with their PCP or the TJHD free testing sites.
2. **Is it possible for asymptomatic staff members who do not know if they have been exposed to the virus to receive a free test? Please see number 1. Could this depend upon the prevalence rates from the results of the VANG assisted testing on September 9, 2020? Please see number 1.**

PPE

1. **What is the Jail's definition of PPE and who has access to it?** PPE can range from a minimum of a medical grade surgical mask which is required for all staff while in the building with a few exceptions to a properly fit tested N-95 mask, disposable gown, gloves and face shield depending on the risk level of the person with whom you are working. Inmates are supplied free of charge with two cloth double layer facemasks constructed in accordance with the CDC guidelines for masks.
2. **Are inmates provided with PPE?** See number 1
3. **Do you feel that the masks provided to inmates are adequate?** Yes.
4. **Is there anything the community can do to help with this?** Basic PPE is in ample supply in the private market and we are able to obtain the quantities we need for our inmate population.

General

1. **What is the difference between isolation and quarantine?** Isolation is a form of quarantine where a person is housed by themselves. Quarantine is the separation of cohorts, more than one person housed in the same area, based on exposure risk level.
2. **What is the contingency plan for high positivity rates?** Individuals who are positive and without comorbid medical conditions would be housed together in a housing unit up to a minimum up to three people per cell.
3. **Are inmates provided with all hygiene products free of charge?** Inmates are provided hygiene products free of charge. However, most inmates prefer to order brand name products or additional products from our inmate canteen beyond what we provide.
4. **Will all new intakes be tested for COVID-19 upon entering the facility?** New introduction asymptomatic testing is not supported or recommended by the VDH, the Jail is looking into acquiring test kits from private vendors to test asymptomatic new introductions.