



MEDIA ADVISORY

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) FRANKLIN COUNTY UPDATE

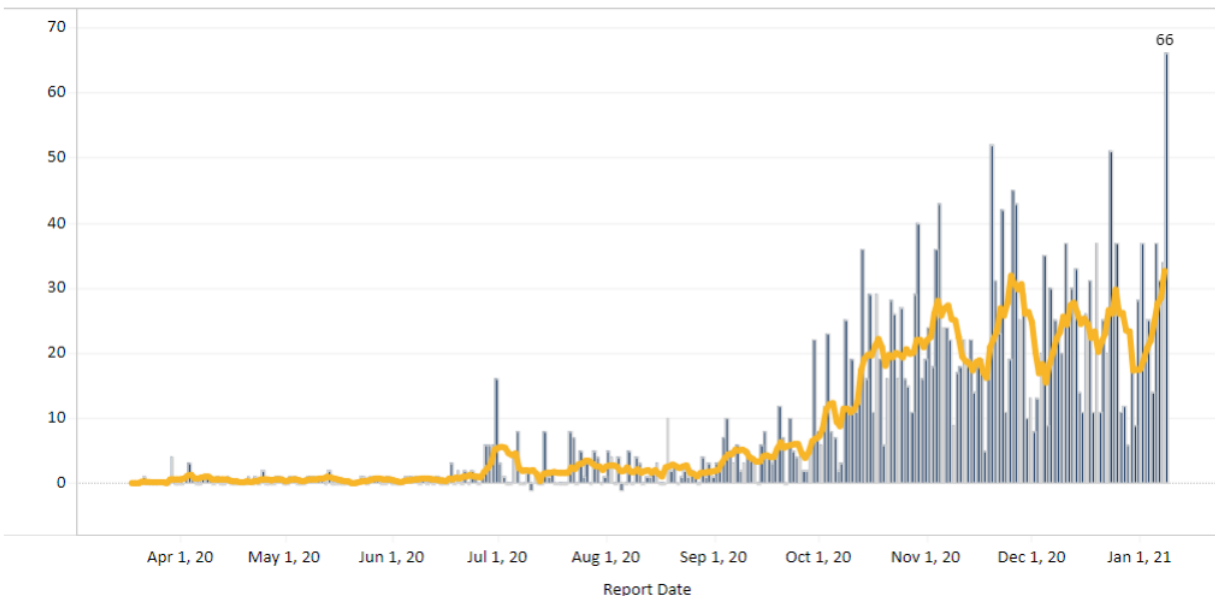
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Rocky Mount, Virginia – Today, the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) reports approximately **2,594** confirmed COVID cases in Franklin County. This is a remarkable increase of 66 cases overnight, a new daily record. The 7-day average number of new daily cases per 100,000 population reported is **58, which is higher than the current state locality average.** Since Thanksgiving, the County has seen an increase of over 1,000 new cases where the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) continues to advise Franklin County residents and businesses to adhere to wearing facial coverings or masks in public areas; exercise social distancing; and practice good hand hygiene. Taking actions both now and in the coming weeks is critical in slowing the spread of COVID-19.

Please see the below visual showing the recent increase in cases in Franklin County, as well as the Virginia averages.

Number of New Cases Reported [^]	7-Day Average Number of Daily New Cases Reported	7-Day Average Number of New Daily Cases Reported, Rate per 100,000 Population	Total Number of New Cases per 100,000 Population within last 14 days
66	33	58.0	622.8

Report Date Daily Cases Counts - Franklin County



With the recent significant increases of COVID positive cases in the local community and greater region, Franklin County expresses it is **vitaly important** for area residents and visitors to continue to adhere to wearing facial



coverings or masks in public areas; exercise social distancing; and practice good hand hygiene. Such measures are **critical** in an effort for not only one's personal health, but also for the health of the **County's hospital, nursing home, first responders and other medical care workers** during the ongoing pandemic. The County **urges everyone to take the necessary precautions and help keep the medical community, as well as the **elderly and those with compromised immune systems to safe at this time.****

To file an online complaint about [Executive Order 63 \(Face Coverings\)](#) and [Executive Order 65 \(Phase Two easing of certain restrictions\)](#) related only to masks and capacity requirements, click [here](#).

To view the most recent Commonwealth Executive Order in regards to COVID please click [here](#).

Franklin County officials continue to actively monitor the COVID-19 pandemic, thereby offering guidance and collaboration with local / state officials, health care providers, first responders, schools, businesses, social service agencies, etc. For more information, visit our [COVID-19 page](#) at <https://www.franklincountyva.gov/678/Coronavirus-COVID-19>.

Local Department of Health- <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/west-piedmont/>

Virginia Department of Health - <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus/>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>