

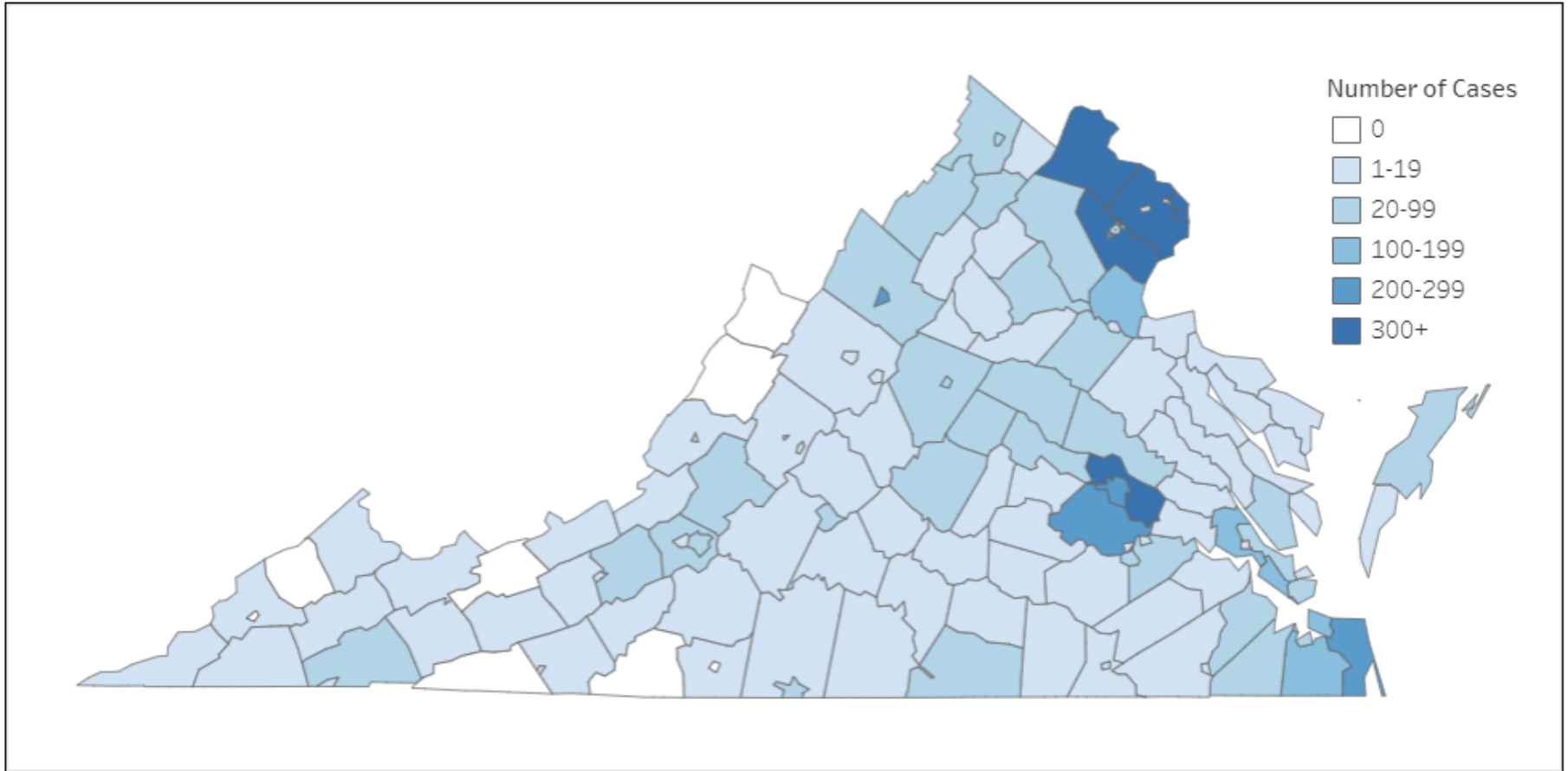
# COVID-19 Update

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211 call center (**1-877-ASK-VDH3**)

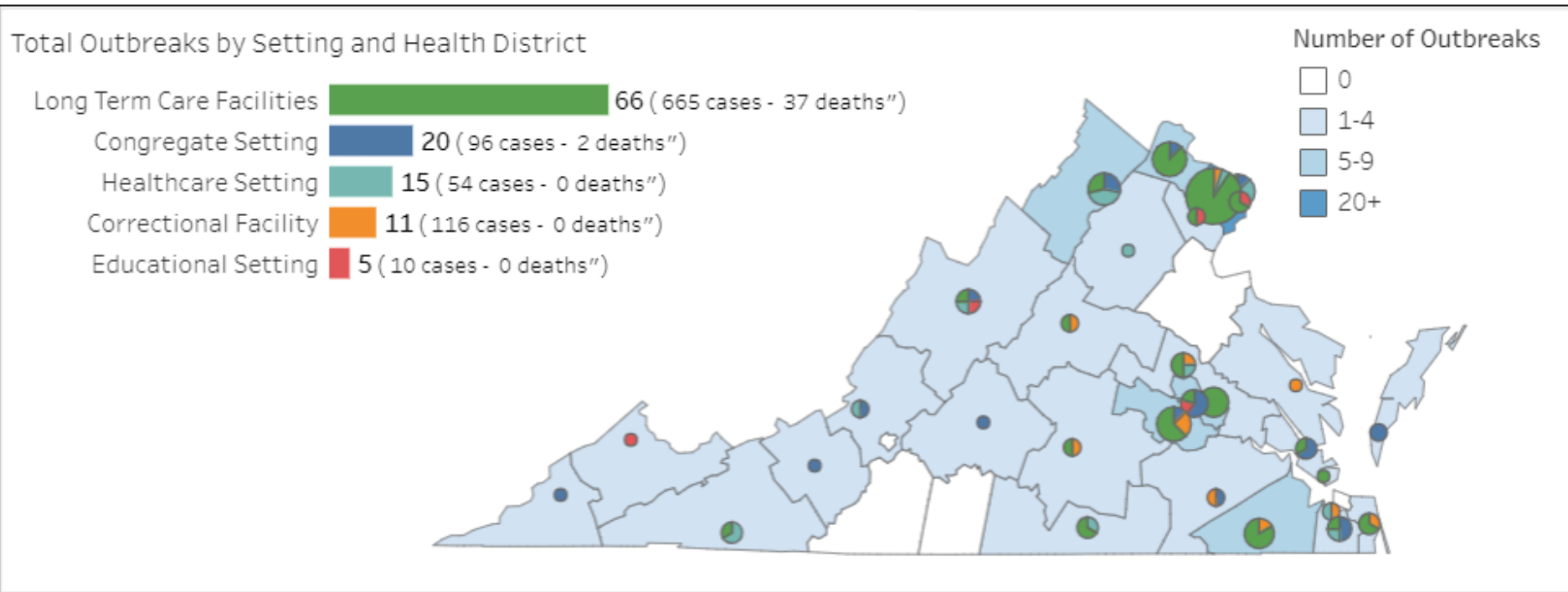
# COVID-19 Cases in Virginia

As of 4/17/2020, Virginia has 7,491 cases of COVID-19



# COVID-19 Outbreaks in Virginia

**As of 4/17/2020, Virginia has 66 confirmed outbreaks of COVID-19 in LTCFs**



**LTCFs** include nursing homes/skilled nursing, assisted living, residential behavioral health, and multicare/independent living

# Testing in LTCFs - PSS

## Guidance on Point Prevalence Surveys (PPS)

- A PPS can be used to identify the number of people with COVID-19 at a specific point in time
- A PPS may be used at the start of an outbreak investigation to determine how widespread COVID-19 cases are in the LTCFs or to help guide control recommendations
- If an outbreak is already widespread in a facility, a PPS survey would likely not change the control recommendations
- Patients who test negative on the day of the survey could later test positive. In a rapidly evolving situation, repeat testing may be needed.
- If staff are tested as part of PPS, facility has to have a plan for positive staff

# LTCF Updates

- [COVID-19 FAQs](#) (updated 3x per week)
- [Weekly COVID-19 Activity Report](#)
- [CMS guidance April 13](#)
- CDC cloth mask guidance
  - Implement source control for everyone entering a healthcare facility, regardless of symptoms
  - Facemasks are PPE and should be worn by HCP
  - Cloth face coverings are not PPE and may be appropriate for visitors and patients