



Addressing the Disproportionate Impacts of COVID-19: Fairfax County's Vaccine Equity Strategy

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What is **EQUITY**?

Racial equity exists when one can no longer predict advantage or disadvantage by group identity.

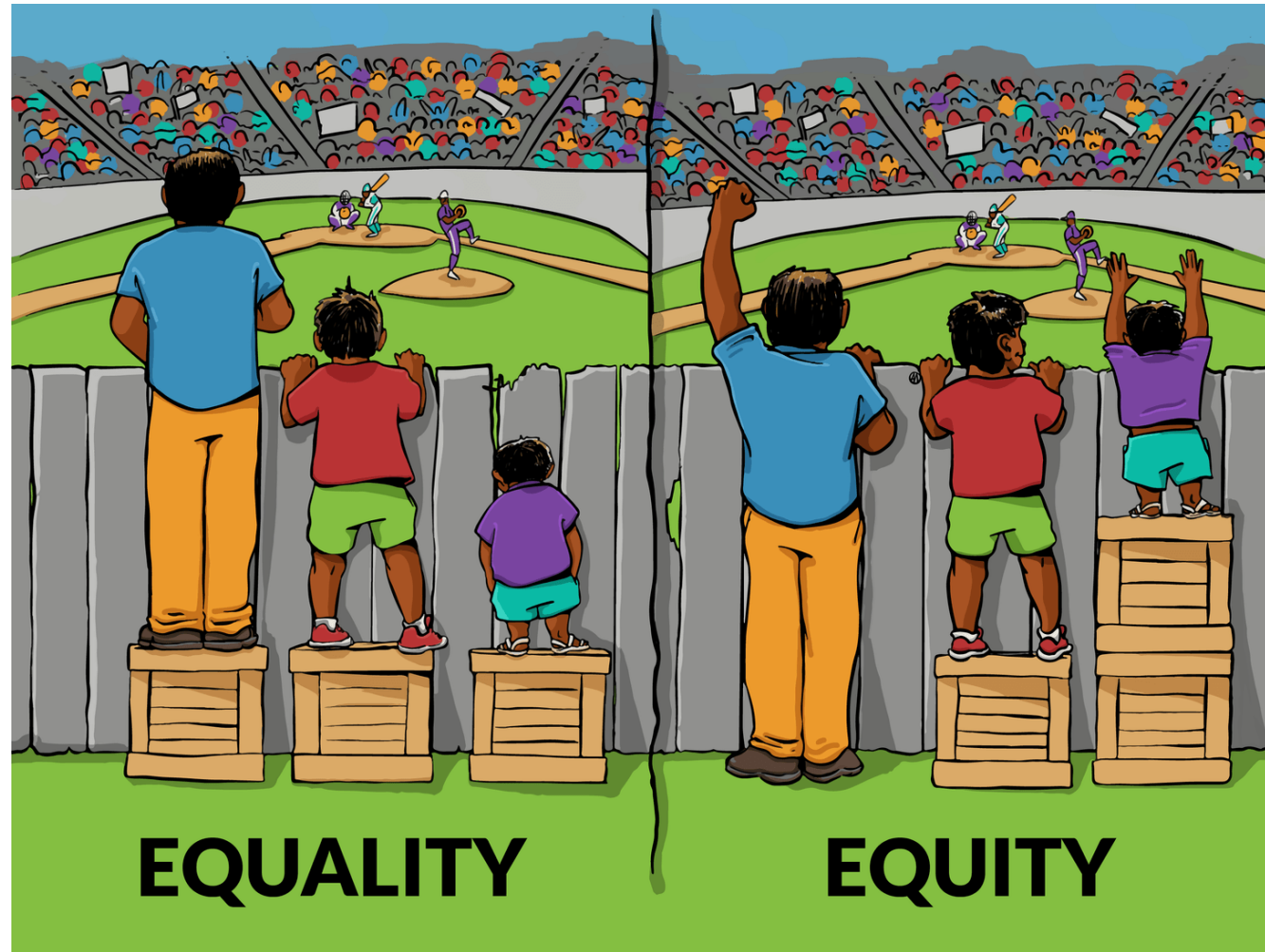
- Improving **Outcomes**
- Closing **Racial Gaps**

What is an **EQUITABLE APPROACH**?

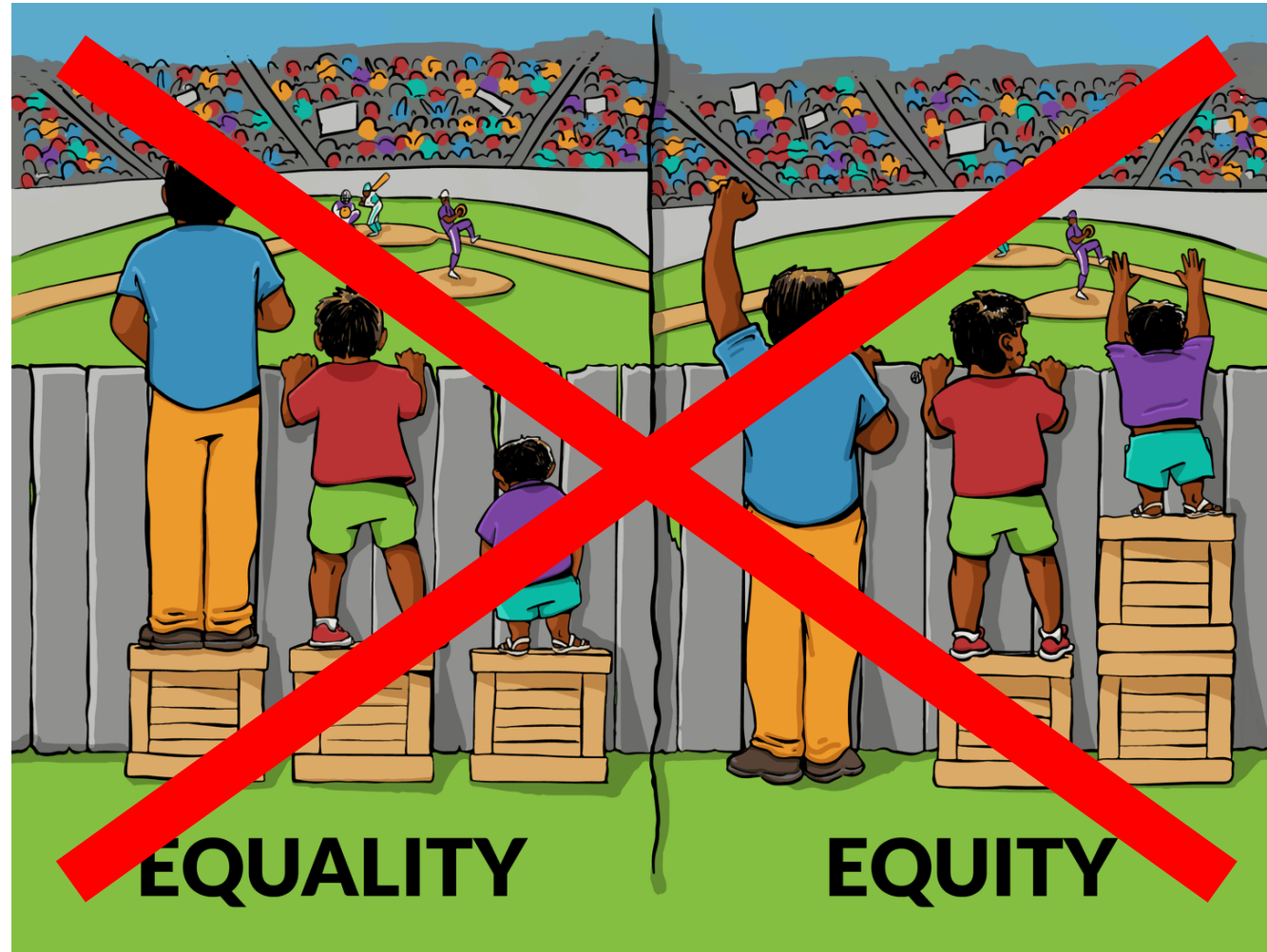
Building structure and capacity to address the situations and conditions contributing to disproportionate trends

- Being **place-based**
- Being **system-focused**
- Promoting **collective action and shared accountability**
- Facilitating **access to services and resources**

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Not the people's "lack" preventing them from participating in the soccer game, it's the unjust system and structure.

Fairfax County's Vaccine Equity Philosophy

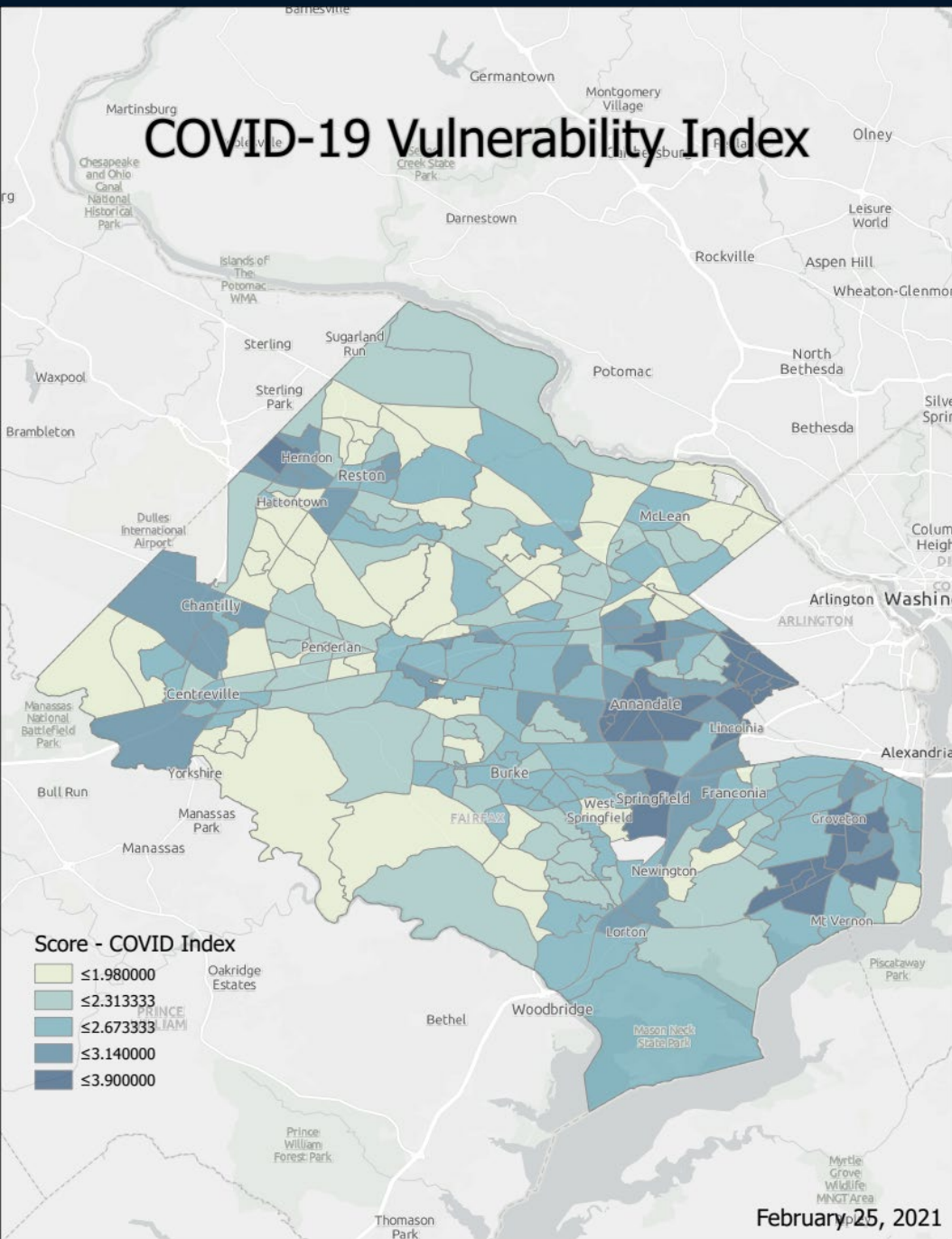
Maintaining a commitment to equity as we strive to vaccinate the entire county, while being faced with a limited supply of vaccine.

- Continue following 5 overarching principles:
 - Engage sector and community leaders to **understand and address the unique situations facing residents most at risk;**
 - Communicate with residents **in various formats and in ways that are relevant to their life situations;**
 - Connect residents to **services and supports;**
 - Foster **cross-sector planning and partnerships**, recognizing no single agency or sector can handle this complex situation alone; and
 - Expand **availability of vaccinations to targeted populations**

Fairfax County's **Vaccine Equity Approach**

Focus on the populations and neighborhoods experiencing the most adverse health, economic, and social effects from COVID-19.

- Identify high-need individuals and communities through available epidemiological data and the use of the county's **COVID-19 Vulnerability Index**.
- Facilitate access to vaccines and other relevant resources by partnering with community stakeholders as **community vaccinators and outreach partners** to connect to those:
 - Disconnected from more traditional vaccine administration channels
 - Experiencing vaccine hesitancy (to build vaccine confidence)



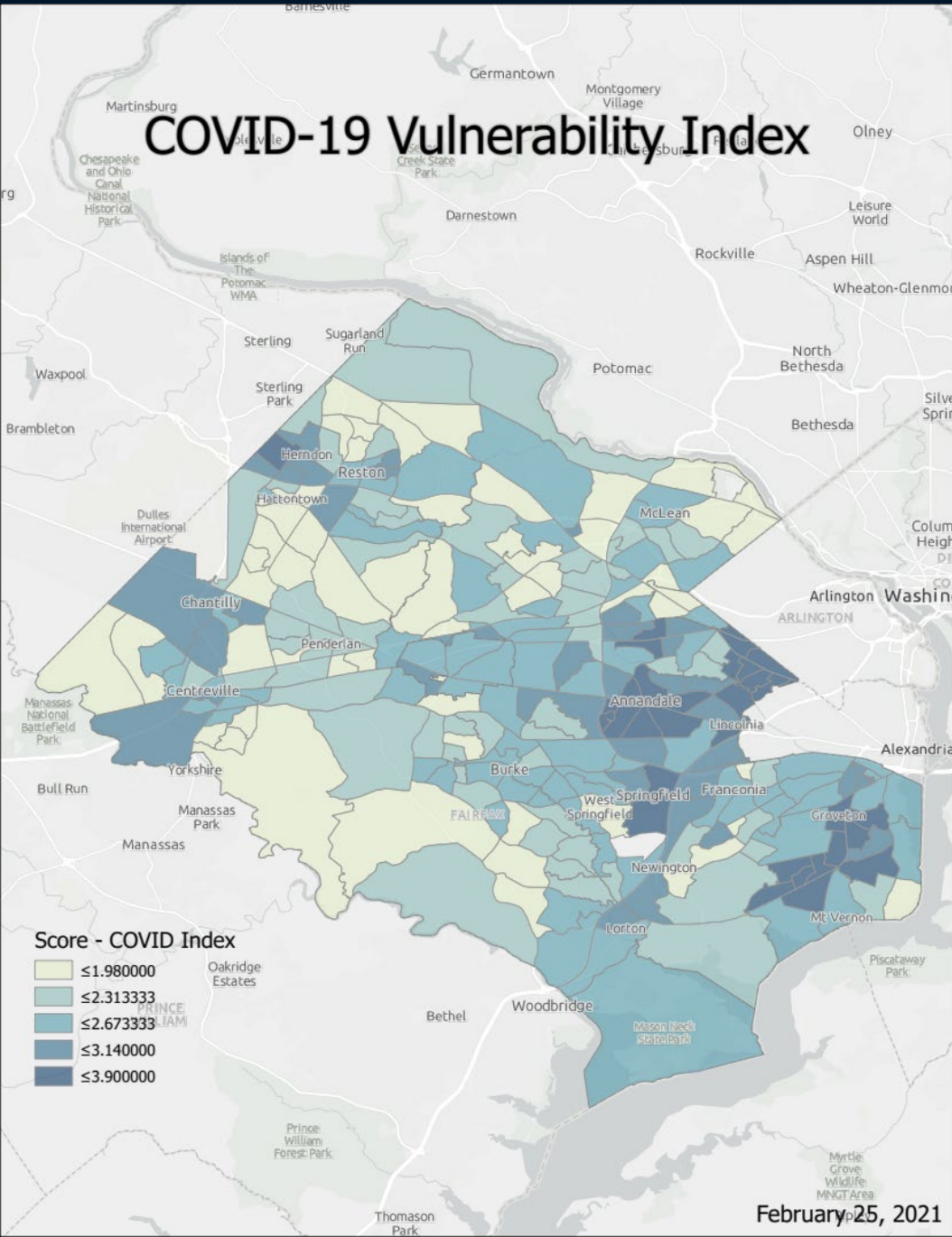
21 indicators in 5 areas:

- Socioeconomic Status
- Household Composition and Disability
- Race/Ethnicity and Language
- Housing and Transportation
- Health

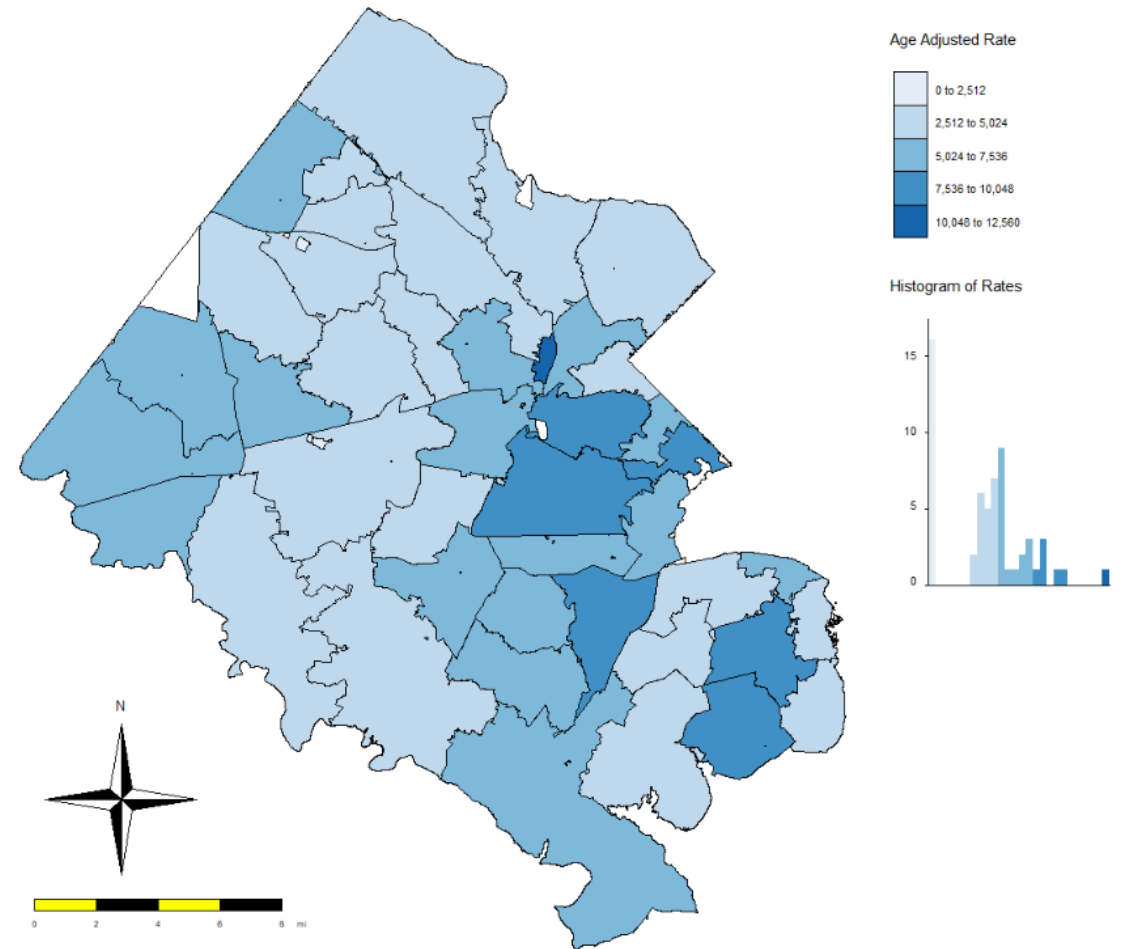
Does not include data on COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, or deaths

Darker areas indicate higher levels of vulnerability

Data sources: American Community Survey, CDC, Virginia Department of Education

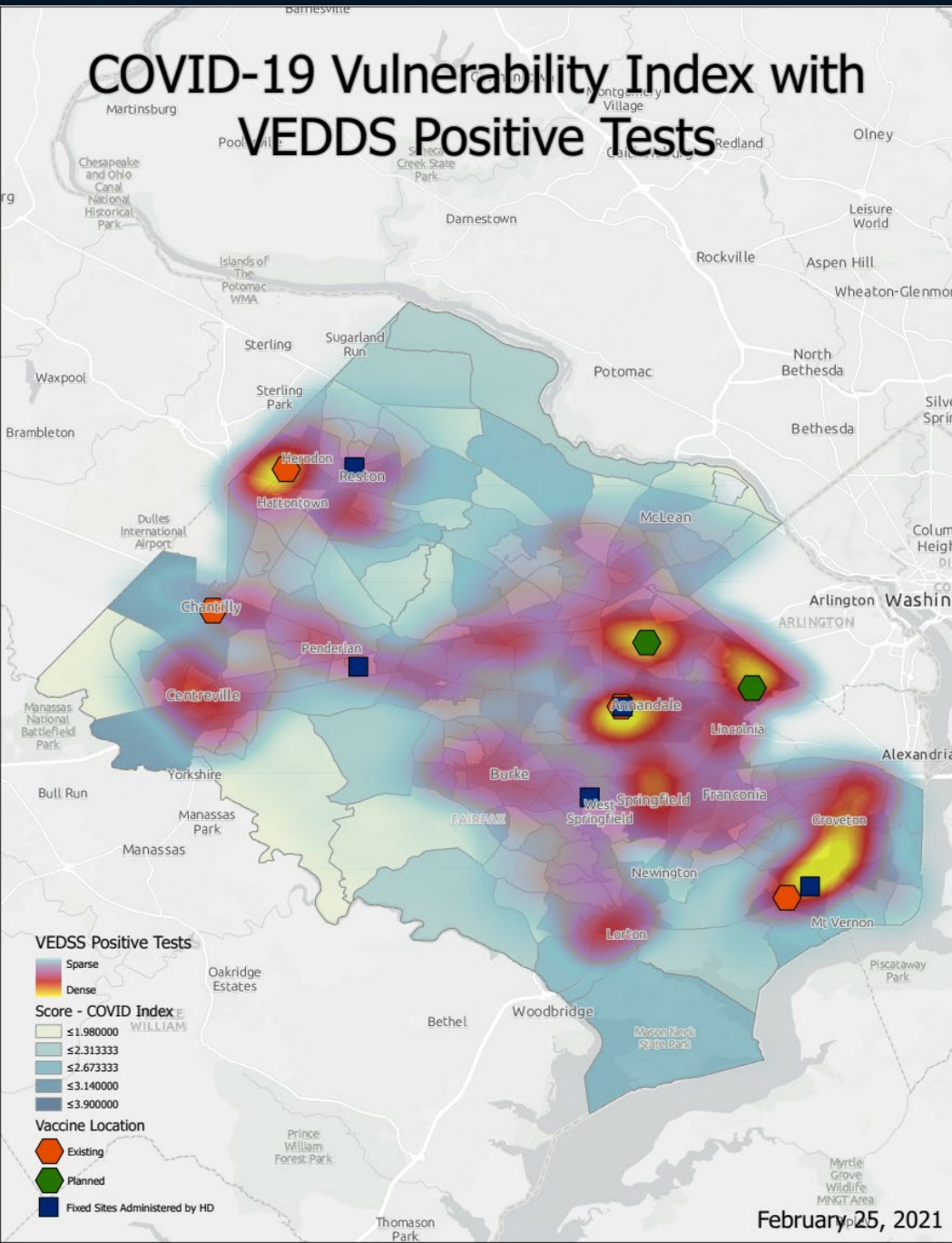


COVID-19 Case Rate by Zip Code

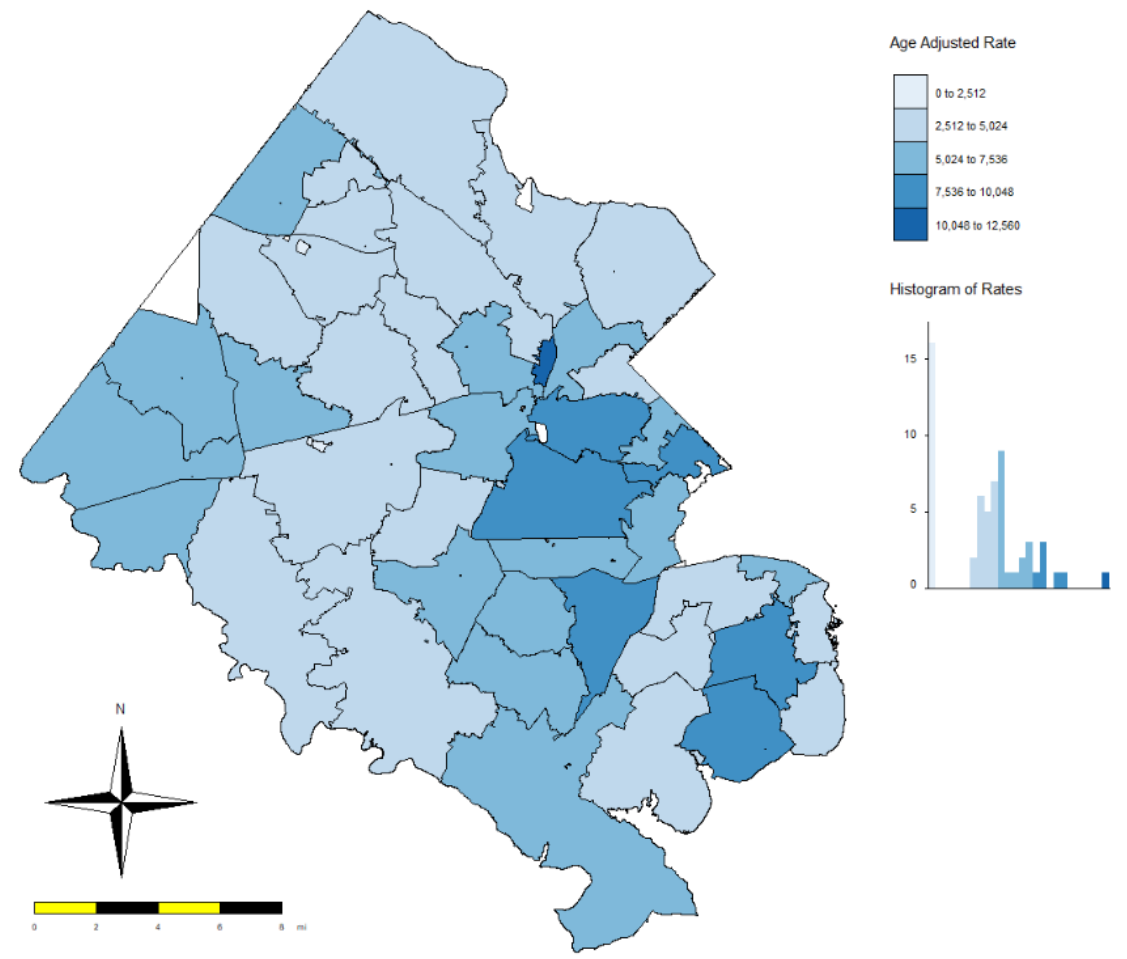


Darker areas signify greater vulnerability and increased case rate

COVID-19 Vulnerability Index with VEDDS Positive Tests



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Relative Risk of COVID-19 in Fairfax County by Race/Ethnicity

