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COVID-19 Update

COVID19 NUMBERS

Positive Cases Hospitalizations Deaths

VIRGINIA

198,027
13,339
3,758

LOUDOUN

8,622
511
134

Local and State COVID-19 Trends

A November 10 COVID-19 Summary Report shows that Loudoun's seven-day positivity rate is 6.6% (down 0.4% since the last report). Statewide, Virginia's seven-day moving average of cases has increased since October 20. Residents are reminded to practice

social distancing and wear a mask in order to avoid a resurgence in cases and stricter social distancing measures.

The Virginia Department of Health's COVID-19 Data Dashboard is available [here](#).

COVID-19 TESTING Saturday, November 14, 2020 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Two Locations

Tuscarora High School

801 N King Street
Leesburg, 20176

J. Lupton Simpson Middle School

490 Evergreen Mills Road
Leesburg, 20175

Drive-thru only. Free & open to everyone.



loudoun.gov/COVID19testing

Loudoun County to Host Free COVID-19 Testing

Loudoun County will host two free drive-thru testing events for COVID-19 on Saturday, November 14, 2020, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. The testing events will take place simultaneously at Tuscarora High

School and Simpson Middle School.

The testing events are open to all. There are no age or residency requirements. No prescriptions or appointments are necessary. A person does not have to exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 in order to be tested. A PCR test (nasal swab) will be administered, which tests for the novel coronavirus. Results will be available within a week. No antibody testing will be offered.

To help reduce wait times, people who plan to attend the testing event are strongly encouraged to complete a registration form for each person who will be receiving a test prior to arriving at the testing site. The registration form is required and asks for general demographics and contact information including name, date of birth, address, phone number and current symptoms, if any.

Testing Locations

NOTE: The two testing locations are using two different registration forms because they are being operated by different contractors. Please complete the form that corresponds to the location you plan to attend for testing. Download the form for the site you plan to attend, fill out the form, print the form, and bring completed forms with you to the testing site. If you do not have access to a printer or do not fill out a form in advance, forms will also be available at the testing site.

- Tuscarora High School, [801 N. King Street, Leesburg](#)
- Tuscarora HS Registration Form: [English \(PDF\)](#) | [Spanish \(PDF\)](#)
- Simpson Middle School, [490 Evergreen Mill Road SE, Leesburg](#)
- Simpson MS Registration Form: [English \(PDF\)](#) | [Spanish \(PDF\)](#)

Information about the testing events and links to the forms also are available at loudoun.gov/covid19testing.

- [View, print or download a flyer about the COVID-19 testing event \(English\) \(PDF\)](#)
- [View, print or download a flyer about the COVID-19 testing event \(Spanish\) \(PDF\)](#)



Celebrating the Holidays Safely During the COVID-19 Pandemic

The Loudoun County Health Department encourages residents to plan their holiday

celebrations and travel carefully to lower the risk of getting and spreading the virus that causes COVID-19. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) advises that staying home is the best way to protect yourself and others. Those who choose to gather and travel over the holiday season should avoid high-risk activities.

Lower-Risk Activities

Celebrating virtually or with members within your household poses the lowest risk for spread of COVID-19. While transmission of COVID-19 continues, the CDC recommends that families participate in these lower-risk activities that can be enjoyed with family and friends at a safe distance:

- Small dinner gatherings with only people who live in your household.
- Preparing traditional family recipes for family and neighbors, especially those at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19, and delivering them in a way that doesn't involve contact with others.
- Having a virtual dinner and sharing recipes with friends and family.
- Shopping online rather than in person on the day after Thanksgiving or the next Monday.
- Watching sports events, parades and movies from home.

If You Travel

Traveling during this holiday season increases your chances of getting and spreading COVID-19. Many jurisdictions also have imposed local restrictions on visitors that may impact your travel plans. If you choose to travel during the holiday season, the CDC strongly encourages the following precautions:

- Do not travel if you are sick or have been around someone with COVID-19 within 14 days of travel.
- Wear a face covering to keep your nose and mouth covered when in public settings, including on public transportation and in transportation hubs such as airports and rail or bus stations.
- Avoid close contact by staying at least 6 feet apart from anyone who is not from your household.
- Wash your hands often or use hand sanitizer.
- Avoid contact with anyone who is sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.

Learn more about traveling safety during the pandemic by [visiting the CDC's website](#). Get detailed guidance for having a safe holiday season this year by [visiting the CDC's website](#).



Help for Caregivers Dealing With Added Holiday Stress

In recognition of the added stress caregivers can experience during the holiday season, Loudoun County Area Agency on Aging staff will present a message of hope with "Coping Through the Tinsel and Tears" Thursday, November 19,

2020, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Attendees can learn strategies on how to cope through the holiday season, especially when dealing with grief and loss, as well as the impact the pandemic is having on how holiday traditions will be celebrated.

To sign up for this free, virtual session, email aaasupport@loudoun.gov. To learn more about AAA programs and community resources, call 703-777-0257 to speak with an aging programs specialist. The Area Agency on Aging is a division of the Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services.

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Loudoun County to Host Employment Information Session

Loudoun County will host an employment information session on November 14 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Learn best practices for completing an employment application with Loudoun County Government. Join this

webinar for an overview of Loudoun County's recruitment process and tour the online application system. Questions are encouraged. Register at loudouncountyinfosession.eventbrite.com. Please visit loudoun.gov/temporaryclosures before visiting county offices to check on the status of operations at our various facilities.



Restrictions Eased for Recreational Sports in Virginia

Governor Northam has issued a [Fourth Amended Executive Order 67](#) (see page 10) that eases some restrictions for recreational sports throughout Virginia. The amendment removes the requirement for 10 feet of physical distance between players while

participating in recreational sports and adds a requirement for screening coaches, officials, staff, and players for COVID-19 symptoms prior to admission to a facility.

What has changed?

- Games, scrimmages, and player-on-player drills are now allowed.
- Players do not need to wear face coverings while participating in gameplay.
- Players must maintain social distancing while on the bench during games and must wear face coverings unless they are participating in gameplay.
- Due to social distancing requirements for spectators and the size of gyms, PRCS is restricting the number of spectators as follows:
 - One (1) spectator per player for all games taking place in middle school, elementary school, and high school auxiliary gyms.
 - Two (2) spectators per player for any game taking place at a high school main gym.
- Spectators are expected to remain socially distant, unless they are family members.
- Spectators must wear face coverings at all times.

What hasn't changed?

- Coaches must wear face coverings at all times.

What do leagues need to do before returning to play under the revised order?

- Leagues must submit a revised Return to Play Plan based on the new guidelines. Current guidelines will remain in place until PRCS approves a league's revised Return to Play Plan.
 - Leagues must notify all coaches, players, and player families about the spectator restriction and ensure adherence to the restriction.
 - Leagues need to be prepared to conduct screenings of all coaches, officials, staff, and players for COVID-19 symptoms prior to admission to the facility.
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Governor's Updates

As new COVID-19 cases rise throughout the Commonwealth and across the United States, Governor Ralph Northam reiterated the importance of doubling down on the things we know prevent the spread of this virus: 1) avoiding large gatherings, 2) wash your hands, 3) wear a mask, and 4) maintain physical distance.

Governor Northam also announced two new ways the Commonwealth is expanding COVID-19 testing capacity. In addition to sending about 300,000 antigen tests to Virginia colleges, hospitals, and local health departments, three laboratories will be awarded contracts to participate in Virginia's new OneLab Network. The Virginia Department of General Services (DGS) Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services (DCLS) and the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) established the OneLab Network to formalize a coordinated COVID-19 laboratory testing system.

The network will immediately increase testing capabilities directly to support priority public health efforts such as outbreak investigations, community testing events, and testing in congregate settings, with a goal of being able to perform 7,000 per day by the end of the year. Following a competitive procurement, DGS awarded contracts to Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, University of Virginia Medical Center in Charlottesville, and Sentara Healthcare in Norfolk.

The OneLab Network laboratories selected are positioned geographically within the state to provide rapid test results in their regions. Timely data is critical for prompt public health control measures, especially in high-risk congregate settings and communities across Virginia. For more information on the OneLab Network or COVID-19, visit vdh.virginia.gov or dgs.virginia.gov.

Governor Northam also announced a slew of funding initiatives under the CARES Act. Virginia will allocate \$25 million to fund monthly retainer payments for day support programs that provide services for Virginians with development disabilities. These programs offer day support, community engagement, and community coaching to individuals who are receiving Medicaid's developmental disability waiver services.

\$22 million will also be granted to support Virginia's private colleges and universities. This funding is proportionate to [recently announced CARES Act funding](#) for public colleges and universities, and will be used to support COVID-19 preparedness and response efforts on campus.

A new allocation of \$60 million will be directed to support municipal utility relief efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic. Combined with the Governor's proposed budget amendment to provide \$60 million for jurisdictional utilities, the

Commonwealth is directing a total of \$120 million for residential and non-residential utility customers impacted by the ongoing public health crisis.

Lastly, Governor Northam announced that Virginia will allocate \$7 million in federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act dollars to Virginia food banks to help Virginians who rely on food assistance. Prior to the pandemic, approximately 850,000 Virginians, including 250,000 children, did not know where their next meal would come from. Feeding America estimates that up to 275,000 more Virginians may experience food insecurity in 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic.



How to Receive Updates or get Questions Answered

Loudoun County staff continues to coordinate answering your COVID-19 health related constituent questions. Please call the Health Department COVID-19 Information Hotline at 703-

737-8300 for a quick response (Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday through Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or [Email the Health Department](#).

Please visit the [County's COVID-19 webpage](#). The [questions and answers](#) page is continually updated.

Please encourage your constituents to view and sign up for updates from Loudoun

- Text LCCOVID19 to 888777 to receive text alerts from Loudoun County about COVID-19
- [Sign up for email and text updates on COVID-19 in Notify Me, Blogs category](#)
- Follow the [Loudoun County Government Facebook Page](#) and Twitter [@LoudounCoGovt](#)

Seen any message of hope and inspiration? Do you know someone making a difference in your community? Share with us at zachary.harris@loudoun.gov and we'll put them in our updates and newsletter.

If you are having trouble paying your utilities because of COVID-19, visit the County's webpage on [COVID-19 Utilities](#). You will find program information on:

Columbia Gas
Dominion Power

Loudoun Water
NOVEC
Washington Gas
Wi-fi Connectivity

For More Current COVID-19 Information

Visit: www.loudoun.gov/CoronaVirus

Call: (703) 737-8300

Email: Health@Loudoun.gov

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