



Chair Phyllis J. Randall

Newsletter



Hello, Loudoun

The year 2020 will go down in the history books as one of the most tumultuous years. In under twelve months, we faced a one-hundred-year pandemic that closed down the entire Country, sickened over twelve thousand Loudoun residents, and worst of all, claimed the lives of 154 Loudoun residents. This year, we have been required to learn phrases such as: "contact tracing," "community spread" and "herd immunity." One year ago, these words were not part of our daily lexicon. In addition, telework, telemedicine and distance learning have brought into stark focus the absolute need for reliable broadband in the rural areas of our County. As a Country, a Commonwealth and County we experienced a long overdue, nationwide reckoning on race that brought thousands of Loudoun citizens of all ages to the streets to "march for justice." And 2020 brought us a very unusual and divisive Presidential election where 55% of Loudoun residents voted early; in-person or by mail.

Yes, it has been a tough year, but from my position as County Chair, I'm very fortunate to have observed something wonderful, almost magical about our County. I have seen businesses provide food to first responders and hospital staff, even as they struggle to meet their revenue goals. In record numbers, Loudoun citizens have answered the call to join the Loudoun medical corps. People are checking on their older neighbors, dropping off food, and visiting through doors and windows. School cafeteria workers continue to prepare food for the students they love yet can't see, and school bus drivers drop that food off to ensure all of our students have enough to eat. Our teachers have been heroes who are committed and determined to teach in ways they were never trained for. We now realize the term "essential worker" not only applies to our incredible first responders and medical staff, who truly are heroes, but also to the teenager working at the local grocery store or the food delivery person who helps keep our restaurants revenue positive.

The Loudoun Chamber and Visit Loudoun worked on the "We Are Ready" campaign focused on getting our businesses back to work in the safest environment possible. At 99.6%, Loudoun produced the best 2020 Census response rate in the Commonwealth of Virginia and is among the top twenty response rates in the Country. Finally, the willingness by most of you to wear a mask to protect not just yourselves but also others

has been phenomenal and a clear message that although you may not know them, you care about the man, woman and child that you come in contact with.

Loudoun, this is who we are. In rough seas and calm waters, in joy and heartbreak, in tragedy and triumph, I believe we are the best County in the Country. Together, we will not just survive, we will flourish.

Free COVID-19 Testing Event

Free drive-thru **COVID-19 testing event** is Tuesday, December 29th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at Franklin Park, 17501 Franklin Park Drive in Purcellville.

The testing event is 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 at these testing events, which tests for the novel coronavirus. Results will be available within a week. No antibody or rapid tests will be offered.

To help reduce wait times, people who plan to attend 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. Forms will also be available at the testing site for individuals who do not have access to a printer or are unable to complete the forms in advance.

COVID-19 TESTING

Tuesday, December 29

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Franklin Park

17501 Franklin Park Drive
Purcellville, 20132

Drive-thru only. Free & open to everyone.

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Virginia Vaccination Strategy

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) announced **revised vaccination priorities** for the Commonwealth as well as plans to begin distributing and administering COVID-19 vaccine before the end of the year. The initial distribution will be provided to two top priority groups: healthcare personnel and long-term care facility (LTCF) residents. The

priorities decision is intended to allocate limited vaccine supplies in a way that maximizes benefits and minimizes harms, promotes justice and mitigates health inequities.

Over time, as more vaccine supply becomes available, more Virginians will be able to get vaccinated. Because ensuring that everyone who can receive a COVID-19 vaccine receives one is a critical part of ending the pandemic, the vaccine will be free to everyone. The federal government has indicated that it will provide vaccine doses at no cost to the public. Please see the chart for Virginia's vaccination strategy.

Phase 1a: Healthcare Workers and Long-Term Care Residents

Phase 1b: Essential Workers

Phase 1c: High Risk Adults

Phase 2: Other Priority Populations

Phase 3: General Public

Virginia's COVID-19 Vaccination Strategy*



*Strategy will be updated as ACIP recommendations are released.

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The Pfizer vaccine was received last week to health care systems with ultracold storage capacity (negative 70 degrees Celsius). We just received the first shipment of the Moderna vaccine, and Dr. David Goodfriend, Loudoun County Health Department Director, is working to finalize our Countywide inoculation plan. The majority of LTCFs will receive vaccinations from CVS and Walgreens through a federal partnership. The safety of COVID-19 vaccines is a top priority. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) only approves vaccines that have passed rigorous standards for use. For information about vaccine safety and for vaccine updates, visit [VDH's website](#).

Inova Health System worker Meg Sourbeer (pictured left) is a pediatric nurse who has been with Inova for over 40 years and was the first team member to receive the vaccine.

Dr. Laura Cook (pictured right), medical director for StoneSprings Hospital Center's Emergency Department, was among the first to receive the vaccine at this hospital. We cannot thank our healthcare providers enough for being front line heroes during this difficult time.



Prevention Measures

The vaccine is just one part of the public health measures that will bring an end to the pandemic. We all must remain vigilant in continuing to practice the same steps that we've accomplished throughout 2020: covering your mouth and nose with a face covering when in public; washing hands often; staying at least 6 feet away from others; staying home when sick; and avoiding crowds of people, parties at peoples' homes and other gatherings. Even after receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, you may not be protected for an additional month—after receiving the booster dose—and your body has time to develop protective antibodies.

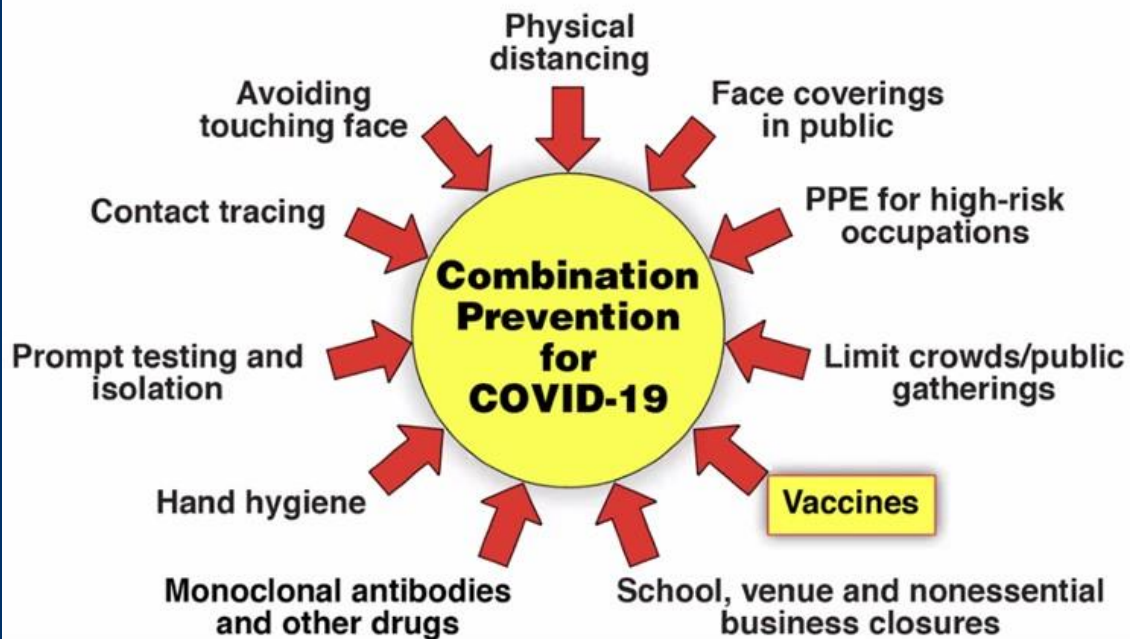


Image Source: Presentation by Anthony S. Fauci, MD

Contact Tracing

If you test positive for COVID-19 or are diagnosed with COVID-19, you need to stay home, away from others, and monitor your health for 14 days. Contact your health care provider for guidance on caring for yourself. If you experience serious symptoms of COVID-19, such as trouble breathing, pain or pressure in the chest, and confusion, seek medical attention right away.

Additionally, you need to help identify and notify the people that you had close contact with while you were contagious. This will allow the people with whom you've been in contact to quarantine right away so that they do not spread the virus if they become ill. You are considered contagious starting two days before you became sick (or two days before a test if you never had symptoms) until you complete isolation.

A close contact is anyone who:

- Has been within 6 feet of you for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period; or
- Has been directly exposed to your respiratory secretions (anyone you coughed or sneezed on, shared a glass/utensils, kissed, etc.); or
- Lives with you; or
- You provide care for.

Please see the [checklist from VDH](#) to help you notify your contacts.

Wishing you all a wonderful, restful and safe holiday and healthy New Year. As always, thank you for allowing me to serve as your Chair.

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Board Business

County Environmental Initiatives: At the December 1st Board business meeting, we unanimously passed five motions to advance environmental initiatives this term. I made the motion to establish a permanent Environmental Commission to advise and make recommendations on policies and practices dealing with the environment, sustainability and the management of energy. It is surprising that we don't have a commission dedicated to environmental issues. We hope to have this commission up and running by April 2021. The other motions that passed are the following:

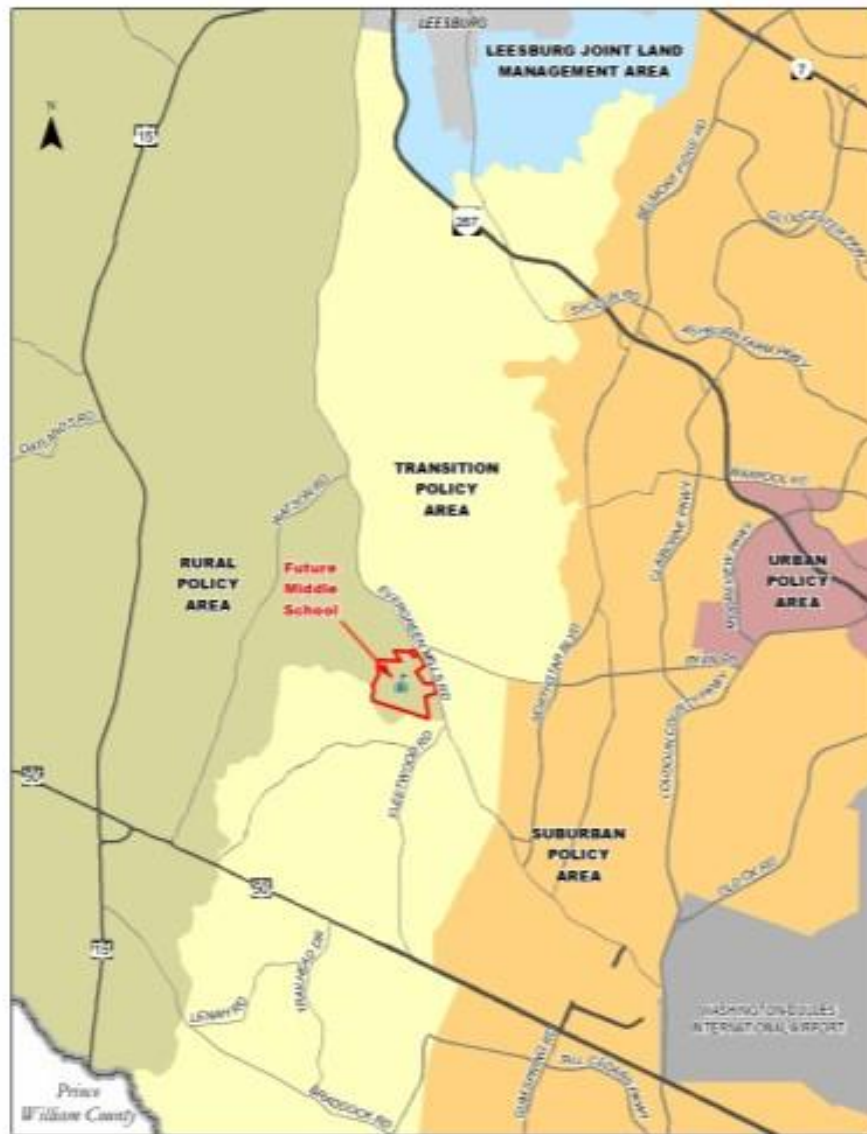
- Supervisor Turner moved to initiate the amendment of Chapter 825 of the Codified Ordinances of Loudoun (Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (C-PACE) Program) to expand eligible properties and projects to align with the full extent of Virginia's Clean Energy Financing Law.
- Supervisor Turner moved to investigate the potential for executing Power Purchase Agreements as a tool for expanding use of renewable energy sources.
- Supervisor Glass moved to review the County fleet and alternative energy sources specifically electric, hybrid and natural gas options.

- Supervisor Turner moved to provide an estimate of resources needed to replace or update the County Energy Strategy (CES), including the cost of an outside consultant to manage the CES update process, and host a Board workshop on potential CES outcomes to form the basis of the consultant's scope of work. Supervisor Turner further moved to allocate no more than \$350,000 in funding as part of the "Uses of FY 2020 Fund Balance."

Public Facilities in the Rural Policy Area: At the December 1st Board business meeting, we moved to approve CPAM-2020-0001, Public Facilities in the Rural Policy Area, and initiate a new Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPAM) to consider bringing the portion of the Rural Policy Area located East of Green Mill Preserve into the Transition Policy Area. The CPAM would also add a potential future middle school site located on the south side of Red Hill Road, west of Evergreen Mills Road (please see map below).

The proposed school site encompasses 40% of the land bay (Q1). If we allow central utilities to a portion of this land bay for the school, then we also should consider allowing central utilities to the adjacent homeowners. The CPAM readdresses a decision by the Board during the 2019 Comprehensive Plan discussion. Staff will bring place type options for Q1 to the Board in 2021.

Figure 1. CPAM-2020-0001 Policy Area Map



Disposition of 6.31 acres of County owned properties public hearing: Per the approved motion on December 1st, the public hearing to dispose of 3 properties in the village of Aldie is scheduled Wednesday, January 13, 2021. At this public hearing, the developer's proposal (MOJAX) for the 3 properties and the County's contract terms will be displayed online for the public to review.

Prohibition of Firearms on County Property: The public hearing for the draft ordinance is scheduled on February 10, 2021.

Community Information

Community Survey: Loudoun County surveys its residents periodically to get their feedback on government services, the county's quality of life and priorities for government initiatives. Households that are selected to participate should have received a survey questionnaire in the mail mid-December. Responses are anonymous and will be analyzed to provide a full picture of the Loudoun County community. The mailed survey is being sent to a statistically representative sampling of Loudoun County households. A follow-up online survey will be made available in mid-January so that anyone who is interested may participate. Results of the survey are expected to be presented to the Board in 2021.

Minority Owned Small Business Grant: The Community Foundation for Loudoun invites minority owned small businesses **to apply** to receive grants of \$5,000 to \$10,000. Applications are due by January 19, 2021. Organizations eligible to apply will demonstrate 51% ownership identifying as African American, Asian American, Hispanic American, or Native American and residents of Loudoun County. Eligible businesses also must demonstrate that they are located in Loudoun County with annual net revenues less than \$250,000, or less than \$500,000 for businesses with three or more full-time employees. Google donated \$50,000 to the Community Foundation with the goal of supporting minority owned small businesses impacted by COVID-19. Kaiser Permanente contributed another \$25,000, bringing the total amount of funding available to \$75,000.

Anyone interested in applying is invited to attend an online pre-application workshop on January 5, 2021 at 9:00 am; registration information to attend the pre-application workshop can be found **here**.

2021 Northern Virginia Housing Expo: Free virtual event starting January 1, 2021. The online expo, geared to first-time homebuyers and renters, will feature three key aspects: an exhibit hall with dozens of exhibitors, free workshops for first-time homebuyers and renters, and personal financial counseling sessions. Details about how to participate in the event are available **here**.

The virtual event will also include a weekly series of free workshops in English and Spanish that will be livestreamed on the second Saturday of every month. Sessions will feature several topics ranging from "Local COVID-19 Rental Assistance Programs," "Avoiding Eviction or Foreclosure during COVID-19," "Household Budgeting and Finance," "Fair Housing," "Basic Home Security and Maintenance," "Senior Housing Options," and the spring and fall "Homebuying Market Overview."



Virtual Trainings on Reversing Opioid Overdoses: The next REVIVE! sessions are scheduled for:

- Monday, January 11, 2021, 5:30 pm
- Thursday, January 14, 2021, 12:00 pm
- Tuesday, January 19, 2021, 5:30 pm

The free, one-hour training covers signs of opioid overdose and how to respond to an opioid overdose with the administration of naloxone, a drug that can be used to treat narcotic overdoses in emergency situations. Any registered participant completing the training will be eligible to receive free naloxone nasal spray. Anyone who uses opioids or knows someone who is using opioids is encouraged to sign up for the training. Pre-registration is required and is on a first-come, first-served basis. Those interested in attending may register online [here](#).

Free Flu Shot Clinic for the Uninsured: Below is a flyer that provides flu clinic hours, locations, and contact information. A Spanish language flyer is posted [here](#). Flu shots are by **appointment only** and can be scheduled by calling one of the four Inova Cares Clinic for Families locations listed in the flyer.

Free Flu Shot Clinics for the Uninsured Protect Yourself and Your Loved Ones

All members of Northern Virginia's culturally diverse communities are welcome at Inova Cares Clinic for Families (ICCF). We are now offering FREE flu vaccines for uninsured people, while supplies last. A yearly vaccine is the best way to prevent the flu. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that adults and children age 6 months and older get an annual flu shot. Our team members will abide by all current CDC and [Safe@Inova](#) guidelines.

Stopping the flu starts with you. Appointments are required.

Free Flu Shot Clinic Schedule – Dec. 2020			
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
	Dec. 21	Dec. 22	Dec. 23
Annandale			3 – 5 p.m.
	Dec. 28	Dec. 29	Dec. 30
Alexandria			3 – 5 p.m.
Annandale			3 – 5 p.m.
Manassas	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	
Free Flu Shot Clinic Schedule – Jan. 2021			
	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Jan. 6	Jan. 7	Jan. 8
Alexandria	3 – 5 p.m.	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	
Annandale	3 – 5 p.m.		3 – 5 p.m.
Manassas			1 – 5 p.m.
	Jan. 13	Jan. 14	Jan. 15
Annandale	3 – 5 p.m.		3 – 5 p.m.
Sterling	3 – 5 p.m.		
	Jan. 20	Jan. 21	Jan. 22
Alexandria	3 – 5 p.m.		3 – 5 p.m.
Annandale	3 – 5 p.m.		3 – 5 p.m.
Sterling	3 – 5 p.m.		3 – 5 p.m.
	Jan. 27	Jan. 28	Jan. 29
Alexandria	3 – 5 p.m.		3 – 5 p.m.
Annandale	3 – 5 p.m.		3 – 5 p.m.
Sterling	3 – 5 p.m.		3 – 5 p.m.

To schedule your flu shot appointment, please call one of the four ICCF locations below.

Inova Cares Clinic for Families – Alexandria
4700 King St., Suite 100 – 571.665.6599

Inova Cares Clinic for Families – Manassas
8051 Sudley Rd. – 571.719.4180

Inova Cares Clinic for Families – Annandale
7617 Little River Tpke., Suite 850 – 571.665.6636

Inova Cares Clinic for Families – Sterling
46440 Benedict Dr., Suite 208 – 571.665.6526

ICCF provides comprehensive primary care services to patients who reflect the culturally diverse community we serve. Our clinics serve as medical homes for patients of all ages who qualify for Medicaid, FAMIS or Inova's Financial Assistance Program or who are uninsured. For more information, visit inova.org/iccf



Denise Corbo's Corner

As I reflect on this past year, I want to thank our educators, students and every family for the resilience displayed in the past two semesters. Educators across Loudoun County have worked hard to deliver the best possible education to every child, while students and families made significant sacrifices during the transition to online learning. This pandemic has not been easy, but I remain hopeful that as the vaccines are distributed, we can put together a plan to return to school safely next year.

I am thankful to be a part of this community and to be your At-Large School Board Member. I appreciate your guidance and support and look forward to continuing working together in 2021.

Have a safe and happy holiday season full of health, joy and kindness.

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