

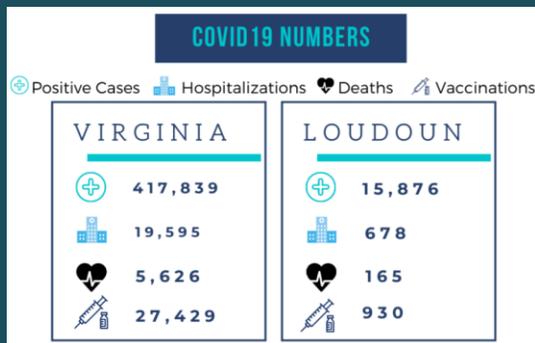


# All About Algonkian

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## COVID-19 Update



### Local and State COVID-19 Trends

Loudoun's seven-day test positivity rate has decreased since January 5. The latest positivity rate stands at 15.3% while the seven-day average remains above 10%. On January 5, the county saw a positivity rate of 18.5% and 16.2% on January 10. Loudoun has also seen

a decrease in its seven-day moving average of daily cases since January 1. [Loudoun's data dashboard](#) shows that the seven-day moving average has dropped slightly from 153.1 daily cases to 105.4 daily cases as of January 13.

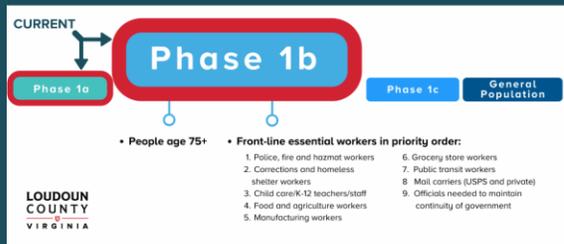
Virginia's statewide seven-day moving average of cases has slightly decreased since January 1, where it stood at 4,303 cases. The latest available data from the Virginia Department of Health shows that the state's seven-day moving average has since decreased to 3,992 cases.

Data resources provided by Loudoun County can be accessed [here](#).

View Comprehensive Data on the Virginia Department of Health Website:

- [Cases, demographics, localities, outbreaks, testing, and more](#)
- [Virginia's Key COVID-19 Measures](#)
- [COVID-19 Data Insights](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccinations Summary](#)

## COVID-19 Vaccination Phase 1b



## Are you in Phase 1b?

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) announced that Loudoun County will enter Phase 1b of the COVID-19 vaccination efforts on Monday, January 11, 2021. Loudoun County is working with its community partners—which include

pharmacies, health care systems, schools and employers—to help people in Phase 1b know from whom they will receive vaccine, how to make an appointment to receive a vaccine, and where to go to get vaccinated. The community is working together to begin vaccinating people eligible in Phase 1b of the commonwealth's phased vaccination plan as soon as possible, and continues to enroll and vaccinate people in Phase 1a (health care workers and residents of long-term care facilities).

- [View details about Phase 1b from the Virginia Department of Health.](#)

### Who is Eligible in Phase 1b?

Phase 1b includes essential front-line workers who are defined as essential to the functioning of society and are at higher risk of exposure to the virus. In addition, because there currently is not a sufficient supply of COVID-19 vaccine to vaccinate everyone in Phase 1b at the same time, the Health Department will reach out to members of the 1b group in the following order, which is required by VDH:

1. Police, fire and hazmat workers
2. Corrections and homeless shelter workers
3. Child care/K-12 teachers/staff
4. Food and agriculture workers
5. Manufacturing workers
6. Grocery store workers
7. Public transit workers
8. Mail carriers (USPS and private)
9. Officials needed to maintain continuity of government

People aged 75 and over are also included in Phase 1b because they are at higher risk of serious illness should they contract COVID-19. This older adult population is prioritized to receive vaccine at the same time as the front-line workers listed above. As supplies of vaccine increase, an overlap of vaccination of people in the 1b group will occur to ensure the group is vaccinated as quickly and as efficiently as possible.

The Health Department is coordinating special vaccination events for law enforcement, fire and hazmat, corrections and homeless shelter workers, and public schools employees. There will be no need for individuals working in these sectors to contact the Health Department to schedule appointments.

### **Where Will I Get the Vaccine?**

Right now, because supply of COVID-19 vaccine is limited, the Health Department will be coordinating vaccination opportunities during the initial expansion into Phase 1b. Initially, the Loudoun County Health Department will be coordinating or providing these vaccinations. As we move forward, vaccine will become increasingly available through people's health care providers and local pharmacies and as a result, Loudoun County ultimately will not be the primary provider of COVID-19 vaccine.

### **Vaccine Supply**

The ability to schedule appointments will depend on the supply of vaccine available. Vaccine supply in the United States is still very limited. Currently the federal government is allocating about 110,000 doses of vaccine to Virginia a week and Loudoun County is receiving a portion of the available vaccine. The amount of vaccine available in the United States will depend on the capabilities of the manufacturers to produce the vaccine safely and is expected to increase later gradually over the next months. Following the vaccination of people in the priority Phases 1a, 1b and 1c, vaccination opportunities will be expanded to include everyone else in the general population.

- [View data about the number of vaccines administered in Loudoun County and around Virginia.](#)

### **How to Sign Up for a COVID-19 Vaccine**

Many members of the Phase 1a and 1b priority group may be enrolled for vaccination by their employers; this is the most efficient way of getting signed up for vaccinations. Employers, members of the 1a and 1b groups who have not been contacted by their employers, and residents over the age of 75, may receive guidance about the vaccination process by contacting the Loudoun County Health Department in one of two ways:

1. [Send an email](#), which is the most efficient way to contact the Health Department. Your email must include your full name, email address, phone number, organization and basis for inclusion in Phase 1a or 1b;
  2. Or
  3. If you do not have access to the internet or do not use email, you may call Loudoun County's COVID-19 information line at 703-737-8300 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
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## COVID-19 TESTING

Wednesday, January 27  
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Claude Moore Park  
21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road  
Sterling, 20164

Drive-thru only. Free & open to everyone.



[loudoun.gov/COVID19testing](https://loudoun.gov/COVID19testing)

## Loudoun to Host Free COVID-19 Testing Event at Claude Moore Park on Jan. 27

Loudoun County has scheduled another free drive-thru COVID-19 testing event: Wednesday, January 27, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road in Sterling.

The January 27 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, which tests for the novel coronavirus. No antibody or rapid tests will be offered. No COVID-19 vaccine will be available at this event.

### Registration Form

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.

- Registration Form: [English \(PDF\)](#) | [Spanish \(PDF\)](#)

The fillable form may be downloaded, filled out, printed and completed forms should be brought with you to the testing site. Forms will also be available at the testing site for individuals who do not have access to a printer or otherwise are unable to complete the forms in advance. The forms are also available at [loudoun.gov/COVID19testing](https://loudoun.gov/COVID19testing).

## Virtual Job Fair

Brought to you by the  
Loudoun Workforce Resource Center

Wednesday, January 27, 2021  
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Virtually meet dozens of employers with open positions. Featuring full-time, part-time and flex-schedule job opportunities in Loudoun and the region.



Register: [loudoun.gov/januaryjobfair](https://loudoun.gov/januaryjobfair)



## Workforce Resource Center to Host Virtual Job Fair Jan. 27

The Loudoun Workforce Resource Center will host a Virtual Job Fair on Wednesday, January 27, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. The Virtual Job

Fair will feature local employers with full-time, part-time and flex-schedule job openings in Loudoun County and the region.

Over 30 employers from various industries will be attending, including Amazon, Inova Health System, JK Moving, Loudoun County Government, Northwest Federal Credit Union, Premier Staffing Source and many others. Some of the open positions include warehouse specialist, billing specialist, staff accountant, certified nursing assistant, payroll administrator, case investigator, electrician, construction laborer, inventory specialist, recruiter and manufacturer technician. Those planning to attend the job fair must register in advance online. Once registered, attendees will be able to view the full list of all employers attending.

To help job seekers get the most out of the virtual job fair, the Loudoun Workforce Resource Center encourages job seekers to attend the webinar, "Ask an HR Pro: Resumes & Recruitment," on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Register online at [askanhrpro.eventbrite.com](https://askanhrpro.eventbrite.com). Additional resources to help job seekers prepare for the virtual job fair are available from the Loudoun Workforce Resource Center at [loudoun.gov/wrcworkshops](https://loudoun.gov/wrcworkshops), such as [Tips for Participating in Virtual Career Fairs \(PDF\)](#).

Anyone who requires a reasonable accommodation for any type of disability in order to participate in either event may call 703-737-8081. Three days' notice is requested. The Loudoun Workforce Resource Center, a Virginia Career Works affiliate, helps businesses identify well-qualified applicants and helps those looking for work find the right fit. For more information, contact the center at 703-777-0150 or visit [loudoun.gov/wrc](https://loudoun.gov/wrc).



## Virtual Mental Health First Aid Trainings Scheduled for January

Anyone interested in having a better understanding of mental illness is encouraged to sign up for one of the next

virtual Loudoun County Mental Health First Aid trainings. The free classes cover:

- Common signs and symptoms of mental illness
- Common signs and symptoms of substance use
- How to interact with a person in crisis
- How to connect the person with help
- Information on trauma, addiction and self-care

### Upcoming Classes

A general class for adults is set for January 20 & 21, 2021, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. each day. The deadline to register is January 11. A class for adults who interact with young people will be held January 28 & 29, 2021, from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. each day.

The deadline to register is January 19. Find details and a link to register at [loudoun.gov/mhfirstaid](http://loudoun.gov/mhfirstaid).

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## Governor's Updates

Yesterday, Governor Ralph Northam delivered the annual State of the Commonwealth address before a virtual joint session of the General Assembly. He discussed Virginia's ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic, highlighted accomplishments from his third year in office, and shared his vision to continue building a stronger, fairer, and more equitable Virginia. He detailed his proposals to support small businesses, give teachers a raise of more than two percent, expand access to early childhood education, legalize marijuana, and abolish the death penalty.

The text of Northam's speech is available [here](#).

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## 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](#)
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Phase 1b of COVID-19 vaccinations are currently underway in Loudoun.



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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](http://www.loudoun.gov/CoronaVirus)

Call: (703) 737-8300

Email: [Health@Loudoun.gov](mailto:Health@Loudoun.gov)

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