

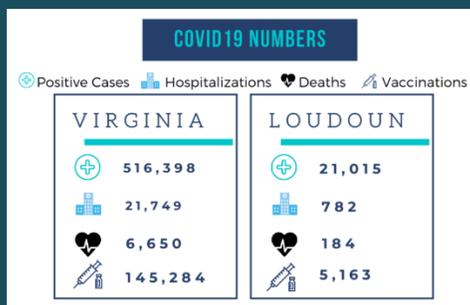


# All About Algonkian

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## COVID-19 Update



### Local and State COVID-19 Trends

Loudoun's seven-day test positivity rate has decreased since early January. The latest positivity rate stands at 5% while the seven-day average remains above 10%. On January 5, the county saw a positivity rate of 18.6% and 11.2% on February 1. Loudoun

has also seen a decrease its seven-day moving average of daily cases since January 28. [Loudoun's data dashboard](#) shows that the seven-day moving average has decreased significantly from 321.4 daily cases to 183.3 daily cases as of February 3.

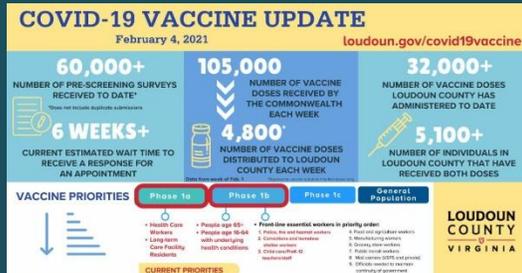
Virginia's statewide seven-day moving average of cases has decreased since January 8, where it stood at 5,748 cases. The latest available data from the Virginia Department of Health shows that the state's seven-day moving average has since decreased to 3,099 cases.

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](#)
- [Loudoun County Public Schools COVID-19 Case Data](#)

**Have questions?** Call the VDH hotline 877-ASK-VDH3 (877-275-8343). Language translation services available. Si usted tiene alguna pregunta llámenos al 877-275-8343.



## Loudoun County COVID-19 Vaccine Update

We know there are many questions and many residents are anxious about the pace of vaccine distribution. To help you understand the challenges jurisdictions across our region are

currently facing and the current process for coordinating COVID-19 vaccinations for the #Loudoun community, we've provided an update that includes the following:

- The Loudoun County Health Department continues to vaccinate over a thousand people daily and to schedule appointments for those who are in Phase 1a and Phase 1b of Virginia's vaccination priority groups.
- At this time, Loudoun's vaccine supply is expected to remain limited until at least March.
- The list of people who have submitted pre-screening surveys has grown to more than 60,000 people, and we are receiving more pre-screening surveys each day. The vast majority of these people have not yet been offered a vaccination appointment.
- Based on the number of people who have already signed up and the current number of doses Loudoun is receiving each week, it could take 12 weeks to get through the current waitlist.
- We are contacting people according to the Virginia's mandated priorities AND in the order requests were received. In addition, we are required to allocate half of our weekly vaccine supply to people age 65 and older. The remaining half of vaccine is allocated to others in the Phase 1a and 1b priority groups. This requirement also influences how the available appointments are distributed to those on our waitlist.
- If you submitted a pre-screening survey for vaccine, please be patient. There is no need to submit another survey. And there is no need to call us. We understand that the wait for an appointment is long. If you have submitted your pre-screening survey online or by phone, you will be contacted by email or phone as soon as it is your turn for a vaccination appointment.

- If you are eligible in the Phase 1a and Phase 1b priority groups and you have not already done so, you may begin the process of registering for a vaccine by submitting a pre-screening survey online at [loudoun.gov/covid19vaccine](http://loudoun.gov/covid19vaccine)
- Be sure to stay informed by signing up for updates and please continue taking COVID-19 precautions.

Read the full update here: <http://bit.ly/3tnbf8N>

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## LCPS to Return to Hybrid Learning

The School Board voted to re-initiate stages 1 through 3 of the in-person learning model for all students who chose hybrid learning for the second semester no later than Tuesday, February 16.

Students in stages 1 through 3 include:

- Students whose parents chose hybrid learning for the second semester in grades preschool through fifth grade.
- Monroe Advanced Technical Academy students.
- Academy of Engineering and Technology seniors and Academy of Science seniors who chose hybrid learning.
- Grades K-12 English learners, proficiency levels 1.0 - 1.9
- Students with disabilities who receive instruction through the Aligned Standards of Learning (ASOL) and those receiving instruction through specialized self-contained programs. Early Childhood Special Education (ECSE) through returning graduates, are eligible to receive up to four days of in-person instruction as determined by their IEP team.

The motion adopted by the LCSB authorizes the superintendent to implement 100 percent distance learning should COVID-19 transmission occur within particular classes, a school or schools. This action supersedes previous motions adopted by the School Board.

On January 14, 2021, LCPS began utilizing LCPS nurses to administer the COVID-19 vaccine to their 11,000 employees. As of January 27, 2021, a total of 7,136 LCPS employees have received their first vaccination.

For more information on core indicators and student learning modality, see the [Risk Matrix for In-person Learning](#).

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## COVID-19 TESTING

February 2021

Multiple  
Locations

Tuesdays & Thursdays  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Drive-thru only. Free & open to everyone.

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

## Loudoun to Host Free Twice-Weekly COVID-19 Testing

Loudoun County continues to hold twice-weekly, free drive-thru COVID-19 testing events at multiple locations. These weekly, fixed events are intended

to provide regular, predictable testing opportunities for the community and capacity will be limited.

### February COVID-19 Testing Schedule

The events will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

- February 9 and 11: [Philip A. Bolen Memorial Park, 42405 Claudia Drive, Leesburg](#) (Enter the park on Crosstrail Boulevard from Sycolin Road.)
- February 16 and 18: [Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls](#) (Access the testing location in the back parking lot, near the senior center.)
- February 23 and 25: [Dulles South Recreation & Community Center, 24950 Riding Center Drive, South Riding](#)

### Registration Form

To help reduce wait times, please complete a registration form prior to arriving at 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.

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

### Future Testing Events

Loudoun County expects to continue hosting COVID-19 testing events on an ongoing basis as long as a need for COVID-19 testing exists in the community. Residents are encouraged to visit the county's website regularly to review the schedule and to access registration forms: [loudoun.gov/COVID19testing](https://loudoun.gov/COVID19testing).

- [Find other COVID-19 testing sites in the region.](#)
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## COVID-19 Vaccine Town Hall

Please join the Loudoun delegation to the General Assembly on February 9 at 6:00 p.m. with special guests Virginia Department of Health COVID-19 Vaccination Coordinator Dr. Avula and Dr. Goodfriend of the Loudoun

County Health Department as they talk about the vaccine rollout. You can email your questions in advance to Aaron at [aaron@voteforjohnbell.com](mailto:aaron@voteforjohnbell.com). Register with [this link](#).



## County Offers Free Education & Support for Caregivers

The Loudoun County Area Agency on Aging (AAA) is offering free, virtual education and support to ease the burden and stress of providing care for loved ones. The February/March series begins Thursday, February 18, 2021, with

"Legal Planning for Older Adults and Caregivers" presented by Valerie B. Geiger, Esq. from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

On Tuesday, February 23, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., licensed, certified counselor Jennifer L. Fitzpatrick will cover the timely topic, "Caregiving From a Distance During a Healthcare Crisis. In March, Jennifer will present "How to Talk to Your Parents About the Future More Comfortably." The session takes place Thursday, March 18, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

To sign up for these free, virtual sessions, email [aaasupport@loudoun.gov](mailto:aaasupport@loudoun.gov). To learn more about AAA programs and community resources, visit [loudoun.gov/aaa](http://loudoun.gov/aaa) or 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.



**FEMA**

## **FEMA Awards Over \$1M to Loudoun County for COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's Region 3 has obligated more than \$1 million to Loudoun County, Va.,

to aid vaccine distribution to combat COVID-19. As of Feb. 1, 2021, FEMA has obligated \$1 billion to their partners across the country. This funding is for critical supplies and staffing that can help protect and save lives.

With the award, Loudoun County leased a facility for the administration and storage of vaccines. This vaccination site opened for operation earlier this week, with a target rate of 3,000 vaccinations per day.

Items that are funded can include:

- Supplies and commodities needed to safely store and administer the vaccine.
- Transportation support and reasonable, necessary security for refrigerated trucks.
- Medical and support staff.
- Communication materials that keep the public informed.
- Training personnel on vaccine distribution and administration.

Grants for emergency protective measures taken to protect the public before, during and after disasters are funded through FEMA's Public Assistance Grant program, which reimburses communities for actions taken in the immediate response and during recovery from a disaster. Eligible applicants include states, federally recognized tribal governments, U.S. territories, local governments and certain private non-profit organizations.

For information on Virginia's vaccination response, phases and future vaccine phases go to <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/covid-19-vaccine/>.

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## Governor's Updates

Today, Governor Ralph Northam participated in a [Washington Post livestream](#) where he answered a multitude of questions regarding Virginia's COVID-19 response. Northam stated that Virginia needs to reach at least 50,000 vaccines per day in order to achieve herd immunity by mid-summer. The current number of doses administered per day is roughly 40,000 and this is expected to increase as more supplies are available. Virginia has also partnered with various organizations such as CVS, churches, and mobile units in order to reach underserved communities.

Approximately half of Virginia's population is now eligible to receive the vaccine, yet there are simply not enough doses available for everyone who is eligible. Vaccine supply is the single limiting factor to increasing Virginia's ability to vaccinate more people. As vaccine supply increases, more appointments for those in the Phase 1a and Phase 1b priority groups can be made. Those who are eligible under Phase 1b include frontline essential workers, people aged 65 years and older, people who have high-risk medical conditions identified by the CDC, and people living in correctional facilities, homeless shelters, and migrant labor camps. The Biden Administration will increase distribution of vaccines by 16% in the near future. The Governor reiterated that vaccine allocations for Virginia health districts are now distributed on a per capita basis.

Governor Northam will livestream an update to Virginia's vaccine rollout tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. on his Facebook page. This briefing will be broadcast live in Spanish on the [Virginia Department of Emergency Management Facebook page](#). Esta conferencia es transmitida en español en vivo en la pagina [Virginia Department of Emergency Management](#).



## 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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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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