

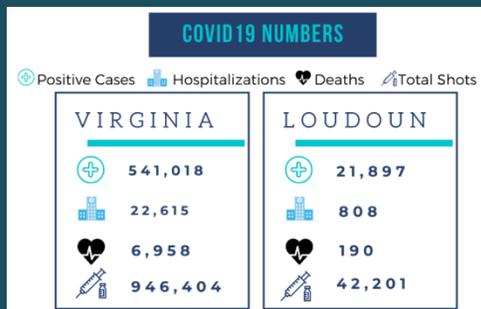


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COVID-19 Update



Low vaccine supply is leading to frustration in the community and trust me when I say your elected leaders share your concerns. On a positive note, more vaccine is coming into the county directly from the Federal Government through a partnership with CVS. See more below.

Members of Loudoun's General Assembly delegation hosted a virtual town hall earlier this week that focused on the COVID-19 vaccine rollout and urged patience. Loudoun Health Department Director Dr. David Goodfriend encouraged anyone who is curious about their pre-registration status to email health@loudoun.gov, or call 703-737-8300. The department is working through a backlog of about 60,000 registrants as efficiently as possible.

Meanwhile, community spread still is of grave concern. Loudoun's seven-day positivity rate has remained steady since February 4, above 12%. Loudoun's data dashboard shows our seven-day average case count has decreased slightly from 170.6 daily cases on February 4 to 145.3 daily cases as of February 10. At the state level, Virginia's seven-day average of daily cases has declined slightly since the beginning of February. The most recent available data shows that daily cases have declined from 2,879 on February 1 to 2,617. This means we cannot let up on the mitigation efforts of socially distancing and wearing masks.

Loudoun County Public Schools' CDC core indicators remain at a high risk level. The Department of Education and LCPS now are using secondary indicators to help inform decision-making, including the move back to hybrid learning next

week. The local school indicators can be seen here: [Loudoun County Public Schools COVID-19 Case Data](#).

More 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](#)

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.



Need to Talk to Someone about COVID-19 Stress?

Anyone experiencing anxiety or stress related to COVID-19 may call or text VA COPEs, a free and confidential COVID-19 response warmline, at 877-349-6428, Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Spanish speakers are available.



VDH Announces Rollout of Vaccination Program at CVS Pharmacy

CVS Pharmacy is registering Virginians age 65 and older for vaccinations as part of the [Federal Retail Pharmacy Program](#) for COVID-19 Vaccination. Eligible individuals can register [here](#). CVS will begin administering vaccinations on Friday, February 12.

The federal program will supplement existing vaccination programs by providing 26,000 more vaccines to Virginians. CVS is the first of Virginia's pharmacy partners in the federal pharmacy partnership to move forward with vaccinations. More pharmacies and more locations are expected to start vaccinating patients in the future.

The appointment for the second vaccination will be made when the first vaccination appointment is scheduled. Those without online access can contact CVS Customer Service at (800) 746-7287. Walk-in vaccinations without an appointment will not be provided.

Please note that this new opportunity for COVID-19 vaccine through CVS is completely independent of Virginia vaccination plans. The CVS program falls under a contractual arrangement between the federal government and the CVS Health Corporation and not the state government. CVS will receive its vaccine directly from the federal government. Therefore, the CVS doses are not allocated by the Health Department and do not impact the weekly allocation of vaccine to Loudoun County. VDH and the Loudoun County Health Department are not involved in the administration, or coordination of the CVS vaccination program. Due to technological limitations with their national appointment system, CVS is unable to reserve appointments for pre-registered individuals.



VDH Launches COVIDWISE Express as Additional Tool to Boost Exposure Notifications

Virginia is making it even easier for people to be notified of potential exposures to COVID-19. The Virginia Department of Health launched COVIDWISE Express, a new app-less exposure notifications technology for iPhone users in Virginia who do not already have the COVIDWISE app installed. Anonymously sending and receiving exposure notifications has never been easier. Since launching, COVIDWISE Express already has more than 504,000 users in Virginia.

COVIDWISE Express, which is available in both English and Spanish, will work solely on iPhones that have not installed COVIDWISE. When an iPhone user enables Exposure Logging on their smartphone, their device will automatically use the app-less experience, if the user hasn't already downloaded COVIDWISE. The Express version of COVIDWISE works by communicating with a test verification server and the national key server at specific times, all while protecting the user's privacy and location data. Android users, and iPhone users who already have the app, will continue to use COVIDWISE.

VDH remains steadfastly committed to COVIDWISE privacy protections and continued adoption and widespread use of exposure notifications as a tool to support the public's health and reduce the spread of the virus. To learn more about COVIDWISE options, or to download the app, visit www.covidwise.org.



Governor's Updates

The leaders of Maryland, Virginia and Washington D.C. have asked for additional federal support to administer the COVID19 vaccine to essential federal employees. In a letter to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Governors and Mayor Bowser specifically request:

- A dedicated allocation of vaccine and associated supplies to support the vaccination of essential federal workers, contractors, and Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) employees within the National Capital Region;
- A federally supported and operated vaccination site for all essential federal workers, contractors, and WMATA employees within the National Capital Region; and
- Coordinated messaging to employees regarding vaccination efforts for the federal workforce.

The full text of the letter is available [here](#).



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](#)

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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