

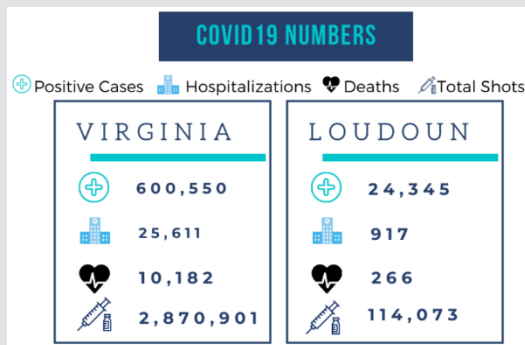


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## COVID-19 Update



### State and Local COVID-19 Data Summary

Loudoun's seven-day positivity rate has stayed at 6.6% since March 11. [Loudoun's data dashboard](#) shows our seven-day average case count has increased to 79.4 daily cases as of March 17. At the state level, Virginia's seven-day average of daily cases have

also declined since last week. By continuing to socially distance and registering for the vaccine when you are eligible, these numbers should continue to improve.

One of Loudoun County Public Schools' CDC [core indicators](#) remains at a high risk level (105.7 new cases per 100,000 in the last 14 days). The Department of Education and LCPS now are using secondary indicators to help inform decision-making, including the move back to hybrid learning. The local school indicators can be seen here: [Loudoun County Public Schools COVID-19 Case Data](#).

The county has reduced the vaccine waitlist to 10,000 from 60,000 in a very short time and has distributed nearly 80,000 doses of the vaccine. This is good news. But we are not out of the woods. Please continue to wear your mask, wash your hands and stay socially distant from anyone who is not part of you household.

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.



## Health Dept. COVID-19 Update

The Health Department is concerned that Spring Break festivities and travel for sporting events could kick off a surge of infection in the County and set back recent progress.

In his update to the Board of Supervisors this week, Health Director Dr. David Goodfriend encouraged residents to continue mitigation measures and to avoid non-essential travel. He encouraged everyone to maintain strong preventative measures such as wearing masks, staying six feet from others and avoiding travel and gathering with those outside of your immediate family. Goodfriend also confirmed that full vaccination occurs only after waiting for two weeks after your final shot. The threat of variants of the virus is alive in the county, but vaccination efforts are going well, he added. [Watch the archived video of the discussion.](#)

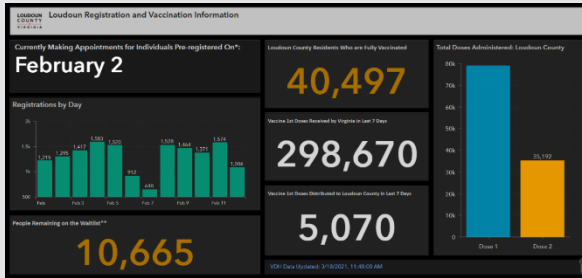


## Update on Saturday Clinics

After hearing feedback from citizens and the Board of Supervisors, the Health Department reinstated a Saturday vaccination clinic on March 27 that had been canceled. Those individuals who are in the current priority groups and invited to

make vaccination appointments will see the options for available appointment dates and times in the online appointment system at the time they make their appointment.

The cancellation of vaccination clinics on Saturday, March 20 and Saturday, April 3 will remain in effect. If you have not already registered for a COVID-19 vaccine, visit [loudoun.gov/COVID19vaccine](https://loudoun.gov/COVID19vaccine) to submit your pre-registration form.



## Vaccine Data Dashboard Now Live

Loudoun has launched an online [COVID-19 Vaccine Data Dashboard](#) to help residents follow the county's progress in the ongoing vaccination efforts. The

dashboard highlights key indicators of progress and status including:

- Date of pre-registration for which the Health Department is currently scheduling appointments
- Number of individuals remaining on the waitlist
- Vaccine doses received by Virginia and Loudoun County
- Vaccine doses administered in Loudoun County



## Measuring the Impact of the Pandemic on Loudoun County Producers and Agribusiness Owners

Loudoun County farmers and agribusiness owners are being asked to participate in a [survey designed to assess and quantify the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on farms and agribusinesses in Virginia](#). Researchers at Virginia Tech's Agricultural and Applied Economics Department want to understand the effects of COVID-19 on Virginia commercial farms and agribusinesses. The survey results will help to inform programming by Virginia Cooperative Extension to better serve the community in response to the challenges presented by the pandemic.



## Governor's Updates

Governor Ralph Northam released preliminary guidance for how K-12 schools, as well as colleges and universities, may safely hold in-person graduation and commencement events this spring. These tentative plans have been reviewed with education officials and are expected to be included in an April 1 update to the Third Amended Executive Order Seventy-Two.

Graduation events held outdoors will be capped at 5,000 people or 30 percent of the venue capacity, whichever is less. Graduation events held indoors may have up to 500 people, or 30 percent of the venue capacity, whichever is less. Attendees must wear masks and follow other guidelines and safety protocols to ensure proper distancing. Preliminary guidance for safely holding graduation and commencement events can be found [here](#).

Virginia's schools are also meeting Governor Northam's goal to expand opportunities for regular in-person instruction. In early February, Governor Northam [directed](#) Virginia's 132 school divisions to submit plans by mid-March for returning students to their classrooms. At that time, 25 school divisions, representing more than a third of Virginia's students, had no plans for in-person learning. All school divisions have now submitted plans to meet that goal, and a vast majority of divisions are now [offering full time classroom instruction or hybrid schedules](#) that allow students to learn in person at least part of the week. All divisions continue to provide fully remote instructional options for students who choose to learn from home.



## 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, help is available. Visit the County's webpage on [COVID-19 Utilities](#) for 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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