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Loudoun County Expands COVID-19 Vaccinations to Include All Essential Workers in Virginia's Phase 1b Priority Group

The Loudoun County Health Department is announcing that effective today, Friday, March 19, 2021, Loudoun County will begin expanding COVID-19 vaccination opportunities to all [Virginia Department of Health Phase 1b priority groups](#), which include people 65 years of age, people 16-64 years of age with high-risk medical conditions, and eleven categories of front-line essential workers. The first appointments for people in the expanded 1b group will be for March 24.

“We have made significant progress on vaccinating members of the current priority groups and we are beginning to see consistent increases in supplies of vaccine, which makes this expansion possible now,” said Loudoun County Health Director Dr. David Goodfriend. “This expansion will enable us to vaccinate more members of our community in the coming weeks as the pace of vaccination also increases. We will continue to prioritize our over-65 population and our 16-64 populations with underlying medical conditions, as well as other 1a and 1b groups as they sign up.”

The Phase 1b list of essential workers includes:

- 1. Police, fire and hazmat personnel

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2. Corrections and homeless shelter workers
3. Childcare/PreK-12 teachers/staff (public and private)
4. Food and agriculture workers (including veterinarians)
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 (including judges and public-facing judicial workers)
10. Clergy/Faith leaders
11. Janitorial/Cleaning staff

As Loudoun County continues to invite people who have pre-registered and are on our waitlist to make vaccination appointments, invitations to make appointments will now be offered to anyone who meets the current Phase 1b priority group criteria. Appointments will continue to be offered in the order in which pre-registration forms were received.

Anyone who has not yet submitted a pre-registration form for a COVID-19 vaccine is encouraged to submit an online pre-registration form at vaccinate.virginia.gov. Anyone who does not have access to the internet may pre-register for a vaccine by calling 1-877-VAX-IN-VA (1-877-829-4682).

“The COVID-19 vaccine is proven safe and effective,” added Dr. Goodfriend. “Getting as many people vaccinated as soon as possible is the key factor in bringing an end to the pandemic.”

Loudoun County anticipates the ability to further expand the vaccinations to the Phase 1c priority group in April. The Virginia Department of Health has announced that anyone who is over the age of 16 and lives or works in Virginia will be eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine in Phase 2 of the state’s

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vaccination efforts, which is expected to begin by May 1, 2021.

For more information about COVID-19 vaccination efforts in Loudoun County, visit loudoun.gov/COVID19vaccine.

Loudoun COVID-19 Vaccine Data Dashboard

Loudoun County 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

The pre-registration date for which appointments are being scheduled and waitlist information will be updated weekly. The vaccine doses received and administered will be updated daily with data from the [Virginia Department of Health \(VDH\) Vaccine Summary](#).

The vaccine data dashboard can be viewed at loudoun.gov/vaccinedata.

As of today, over 40,000 Loudoun residents are now fully vaccinated. 10,665 people remain on the waitlist.

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Before and after Loudoun residents receive a COVID-19 vaccine, everyone is encouraged to continue taking the steps that help prevent the spread of the disease, including washing hands frequently, wearing face coverings, social distancing, avoiding large gatherings of people and staying home when sick. Learn more about [COVID-19 prevention and care](#) on the County's website.

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