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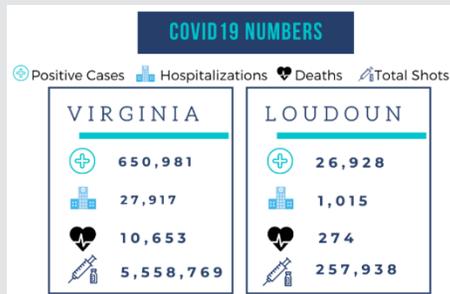


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COVID-19 Update

NOTE TO READERS: Moving forward, the COVID-19 Update will be published bi-weekly. You can expect the next edition in your inbox on May 6.



COVID-19 Data Summary

Loudoun's seven-day positivity rate has decreased to 6.4%. [Loudoun's data dashboard](#) also indicates that the seven-day average case count decreased to 62.9, which represents about a decline of about 20 cases since last week. The statewide average case count has also dropped. Please

continue to mask up, wash up and back up six feet to help blunt the spread of COVID-19. Also, by getting the vaccine when you are eligible, you can prevent spread, save lives and stop new variants.

One of Loudoun County Public Schools' CDC indicators remains at the highest risk level (130.0 new cases per 100,000 in the last 14 days). The Department of Education and LCPS also use secondary indicators to help inform decision-making, such as hybrid offerings. The local school indicators can be seen here: [Loudoun County Public Schools COVID-19 Case Data](#).

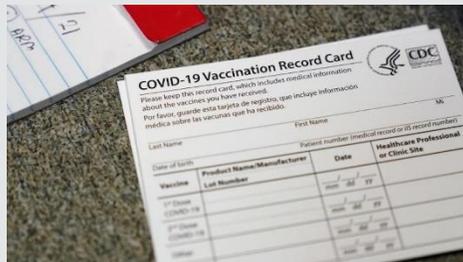
More data resources provided by Loudoun County can be accessed [here](#).

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.



Hang on to Your Vax Card

When you get your first dose of COVID-19 vaccine, you will receive a small white card with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention logo. It holds key data about the date, place and type of vaccine you received. This card is your tangible proof of

vaccination and you don't want to lose it.

- **If You Lose Your Vaccination Card:** You can contact the Virginia Immunization Information System by [sending an email](#), submitting an [online form](#) or calling 1-866-375-9795. If you enrolled in [v-safe](#), the smartphone-based, after-vaccination health checker following your first vaccine dose, you can also access your vaccination information through that tool.



Health Director Provides Update

The county's vaccine supply is expected to outstrip demand in the near future, according to Loudoun County Health Director Dr. David Goodfriend during his Board of Supervisors briefing this week. The county did see a rise in coronavirus cases shortly after spring break but those numbers are starting to come down. However, considering the threat of new variants and the slowing in demand for vaccine, these numbers are not low enough. In other words, 50-60 cases a day are too many as we continue to see hospitalizations and

deaths. He also said:

- The presence of variants in our region highlights the importance of continued mitigation strategies including face coverings, physical distancing and frequent handwashing.
- Everyone 16 and older who has not pre-registered for a vaccination is encouraged to register at vaccinate.virginia.gov or 1-877-829-4682.

- More pharmacies are receiving COVID-19 vaccine and are offering appointments. Information is available at vaccinefinder.org
- [Watch the archived video of the COVID-19 update.](#)



Scam Alert

According to recent news reports, COVID-19 vaccination cards are fast becoming a target of scammers. Phony copies of the cards have been sold through online marketplaces. The National Association of Attorneys General, which represents the chief legal officers of individual states, has urged online sites to stop the sales of fake vaccination cards, saying they can endanger public health. Individuals might use the phony cards to misrepresent their vaccination status, potentially exposing others to risk.

COVID-19 TESTING

April 2021

Multiple Locations
Tuesdays
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Drive-thru only. Free & open to everyone.

loudoun.gov/COVID19testing

COVID-19 Testing Continues Next Week

Loudoun County will hold a free, drive-thru COVID-19 testing event Tuesday, April 27, 2021, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Ray Muth Sr. Memorial Park, 20971 Marblehead Drive, Ashburn. Required registration forms, which can be filled out and printed in advance, can be found at loudoun.gov/covid19testing.

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Testing Dates Announced for May

Loudoun County will continue to hold free, drive thru COVID-19 testing events through May. The events are scheduled for Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., at the following locations:

- May 4: Franklin Park, 17501 Franklin Park Drive, Purcellville
- May 11: Philip A. Bolen Memorial Park, 42405 Claudia Drive, Leesburg (Enter the park on Crosstrail Boulevard from Sycolin Road.)
- May 18: Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls (Access the testing location in the back parking lot, near the senior center.)
- May 25: Dulles South Recreation & Community Center, 24950 Riding Center Drive, South Riding

In addition, the county is holding the previously scheduled COVID-19 testing event Tuesday, April 27, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at [Ray Muth Sr. Memorial Park, 20971 Marblehead Drive, Ashburn.](#)

The testing events are free and 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 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 these events.

Registration Form

To help reduce wait times, people who plan to attend the testing events 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, and 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.



What to do if you Received the J&J Vaccine

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) says if you received the Johnson & Johnson Janssen (J&J) COVID-19 vaccine more than three weeks ago, your risk of having a blood clot is very low and that risk will decrease over time. If you got the J&J vaccine within the last three weeks, your risk of developing a blood clot is also very low. However, you should be on the lookout for possible symptoms of a blood clot and seek medical treatment immediately if you have any of these symptoms:

- Severe headache
- Blurred vision
- Fainting
- Seizures
- Pain in your abdomen (chest or stomach)
- Leg pain or swelling
- Shortness of breath



Governor's Update

For the first time in more than a year, Loudoun's bartenders and baristas can return to serving their guests across the bar. Governor Ralph Northam's amendment to Executive Order 72 allows for patrons to be seated at the bar for service, provided there is a minimum of six feet is provided between parties. The change applies to restaurants, dining establishments, food courts, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, and tasting rooms. Some requirements for establishments will continue, including:

- All parties must be separated by at least six feet, including in the bar area.
- Tables at which dining parties are seated must be positioned six feet apart from other tables.
- If tables are not movable, parties must be seated at least six feet apart, including in the bar area.
- Congregating areas of restaurants must be closed to patrons except for through-traffic.
- Tabletops must be cleaned in-between patrons.
- Patrons must wear masks over their nose and mouth, except while eating or drinking.

As Governor Northam announced earlier this month, all Virginians age 16 and older are eligible to get a COVID-19 vaccine. With this move into Phase 2, appointments will still be required for most vaccinations. Virginians can schedule appointments directly through the Vaccinate Virginia vaccine system by visiting vaccinate.virginia.gov or by calling 877-VAX-IN-VA (877-829-4682, TTY users call 7-1-1). The vaccinate.virginia.gov site will link to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's VaccineFinder website, which has a searchable map-based tool to find appointments at Community Vaccination Centers, local health departments, pharmacies, and hospitals.

Despite some restrictions lifting and the number of vaccinated Virginians growing, Governor Northam urges Virginians to keep wearing masks, washing hands, social distancing and staying at home when possible. In other news, Governor Northam altered spectator restrictions at performances at Virginia's high schools to match the requirements for sporting restrictions and increased the number of cross country runners at the starting line of races from 50 to 68.

You can also watch Governor Northam's April 19 press briefing below.



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, 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

Call: (703) 737-8300

Email: Health@Loudoun.gov

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