

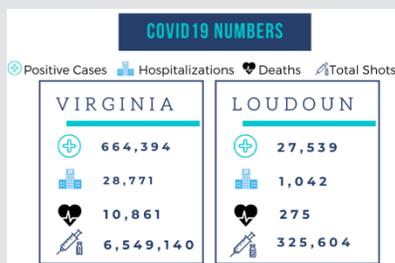


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COVID-19 Update



COVID-19 Data Summary

Loudoun's seven-day positivity rate has decreased to 4.6%. [Loudoun's data dashboard](#) also indicates that the seven-day average case count decreased to 40.1, which represents about a decline of about seven 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 has declined to the "substantial risk" level (77.42 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.



County Launches New Service to Shuttle Riders to Vaccination Clinic

In an effort to increase access to COVID-19 vaccinations, Loudoun County has launched a free shuttle service between the Loudoun County Transit bus stop at Dulles Town Center and the county's vaccination site located at the other end of the shopping mall. This will help eliminate mobility barriers to vaccination for people who rely on public transportation and may have difficulty walking long distances.

- The shuttle runs continuously from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day the vaccination site is open.
- To get to the vaccination site on a Loudoun County Transit Local Bus, riders may choose from Routes 62, 70, 81, 82 or 84, which serve the Dulles Town Center. Fares are \$1 each way.
- [Read the complete news release about the new service.](#)
- [Find more information on planning your trip to the vaccination clinic.](#)



Health Director Provides Update

Loudoun County Health Director Dr. David Goodfriend provided the Board of Supervisors with an update on COVID-19 during the Board's May 4, 2021, business meeting. Some key points: Loudoun is headed in the right direction. The rate of cases, hospitalizations and deaths are down; the goal is to get them to zero to stop community transmission and to prevent more hospitalizations and deaths. Furthermore, the vaccination effort is going well. Loudoun County residents overall have been receptive to getting vaccinated and the county continues to try to lower any barriers that exist to people getting vaccinated, whether it is at the county's clinic at Dulles Town Center or in the community.

Anyone who is eligible and is not yet vaccinated is encouraged to [schedule a vaccination appointment now](#) with the Loudoun County Health Department so that you will be ready to travel or otherwise enjoy activities in the summer.

The county is preparing for the expected lowering of the minimum age for the Pfizer vaccine to age 12 and is working closely with Loudoun County Public Schools to be prepared to vaccinate younger students as quickly as possible.

Now that spring is here, people are encouraged to go outside as much as they can, but to enjoy the outdoors safely. With more people being outside, the Health Department is getting more reports of animal bites and questions about Lyme disease.

More pharmacies now have the main three COVID-19 vaccines and are offering appointments. Information is available at vaccinefinder.org.

[Watch the archived video of Dr. Goodfriend's update.](#)



Fire & Rescue Offers Homebound Vaccination Service

To assist the Loudoun Health Department (LHD) and the county's vaccination efforts, LCFR has a vaccination team that enters the community to provide vaccinations for individuals who are homebound, or living in assisted care facilities.

The LCFR Homebound Vaccination program has also been expanded to include vaccinations for homebound students. The county and the Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS) continue to work together to ensure that the parents or guardians of any student who is ages 16 or older and homebound can sign up through the Loudoun Health Department (LHD) call center at 703-737-8300.

Those who are aware of homebound persons in need of vaccination should encourage those persons to notify the LHD through its COVID-19 call center Monday through Sunday, during the hours of 9am-5pm, or using health@loudoun.gov. LHD will review all requests for appropriateness and forward them to the LCFR Homebound Vaccination Team for action.

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

The next Loudoun County-sponsored COVID-19 testing event is scheduled for Tuesday, May 11, 2021, 10:00 am. - 1:00 p.m., at [Philip A. Bolen Memorial Park, 42405 Claudia Drive, Leesburg](#) (Enter the park on Crosstrail

Boulevard from Sycolin Road.) More information, including the complete schedule of testing events in May and links to required registration forms that can be filled out ahead of time, may be found at loudoun.gov/COVID19testing.



Guidance for Operating Youth and Summer Camps During COVID-19

Youth and summer camps can play an important role in the lives of children, including supporting their social, emotional, and physical development. Updated CDC guidance can help camp administrators operate while preventing the spread of COVID-19 and protecting campers, their families, staff, and communities. Camp administrators, in collaboration with state, local, territorial, and tribal health officials, can adapt these recommendations to meet the unique needs and circumstances of the populations served in youth day camps. [Read the guidance from the CDC.](#)



Imminent Approval for Vaccinating Persons Ages 12-15

According to national news reports, the Food and Drug Administration is preparing to authorize use of the [Pfizer-BioNTech coronavirus vaccine](#) in adolescents 12 to 15 years old by early next week. If the clearance is granted, the CDC's vaccine advisory panel is likely to meet the following day to review the clinical trial data and make recommendations for the vaccine's use in adolescents. Once approvals are granted, the County's Dulles Town Center point-of-dispensing (POD) site is expected to follow suit by offering the Pfizer vaccine to this age group using LHD's current appointment system.



Online Survey Measures Impact of COVID-19 on Women and Girls

A new survey from the Loudoun Commission on Women and Girls seeks to understand how the pandemic has impacted women in our community. All women ages 18 years and older who reside in Loudoun County are invited to take this brief survey: www.lcwag.org/survey The survey deadline is May 21 at 5 p.m.



Governor's Update

At a press conference earlier today, Governor Ralph Northam stated that he will lift all capacity and social distancing measures on June 15 if case data and vaccination numbers keep improving. He will also reevaluate the mask mandate at this time as well.

Governor Northam also amended Executive Order Seventy-Two to adopt new guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on mask use in outdoor settings. The CDC guidelines state that fully vaccinated individuals do not have to wear masks outdoors when alone or in small gatherings. Mask use is still required indoors and outdoors at large crowded events like concerts, sporting events, and graduation ceremonies. People are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after receiving the last required dose of vaccine.

The Governor also revised Executive Order Seventy-Two to allow up to 1,000 spectators for outdoor recreational sports, effective immediately. This change advances by two weeks a change that was scheduled to go into effect on May 15 and will allow additional spectators to participate in final games of the current high school sports season and the summer sports season.

Governor Northam reiterated that the next steps to ease mitigation measures will go into effect on Saturday, May 15 as previously announced. He expects to be able to roll back the remaining capacity limits in mid-June as long as the Commonwealth's health metrics remain stable and vaccination progress continues.

The full text of Sixth Amended Executive Order Seventy-Two and Order of Public Health Emergency Nine is available here. Updated guidelines for specific sectors can be found here. The full text of Seventh Amended Executive Order Seventy-Two and Order of Public Health Emergency Nine, which takes effect on May 15, can be found 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, 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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