COVID-19 Update

Increasing COVID-19 Case Numbers in Loudoun County

I know that everyone has "COVID fatigue," but I wanted to alert you to the rapidly increasing cases here in Loudoun County. The CDC has returned Loudoun to the "medium" level on the community impact model, as our seven-day moving average is 214.3 daily cases as of today. According to our seven-day average, 19.3% of PCR tests conducted in the County are coming back positive. This tracks with what I have heard anecdotally from area physicians, who are indicating that their patient volumes are very high with both COVID and non-COVID related illnesses.

Health professionals recommend that those that are immunocompromised or at high risk for severe disease should consider wearing a mask when in public and social distancing. In addition, if you have not gotten your booster shot, now would be a good time to do so.

Vaccine Boosters Now Available for 5-11 Age Group

The CDC has expanded the eligibility of COVID-19 vaccine booster doses to everyone 5 years of age and older. The CDC now recommends that children

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ages 5 through 11 years should receive a booster shot 5 months after their initial Pfizer-BioNTech vaccination series. This follows the recommendation of the Food and Drug Administration issued earlier this week.

The Virginia Department of Health has adopted the CDC guidance and authorizes providers in Virginia to begin administering the booster dose immediately to eligible children.

In addition, in the wake of rising COVID-19 cases, the CDC has strengthened its recommendation that everyone who is eligible should receive a second booster dose at least 4 months after their first dose. This includes those 12 and older who are immunocompromised and anyone 50 and older.

With the new CDC guidance for booster doses, it’s important for people to know when they completed their initial series so that they can appropriately time a booster. The dates of the initial series and boosters are on your vaccination card issued at the time of the shots. If you received your shots in Virginia and have misplaced the card, you can find the date by searching for your vaccine record online. If you need assistance over the phone, call 866-375-9795. Assistance is available Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Virginia Department of Health has included a scannable QR code on vaccination records. The technology allows anyone vaccinated in Virginia to show proof of vaccination with a digital or printed QR code instead of a paper card.

Loudoun County health officials continue to encourage everyone who is eligible to get a COVID-19 vaccine to protect against severe illness, hospitalization and death. If you have not yet received a COVID-19 vaccine, consider getting one. COVID-19 vaccines are widely available at pharmacies in Loudoun County, including CVS, Walgreens, Giant, Wegmans, Harris Teeter, and...
others. Call your local pharmacy or visit their website to make an appointment. You may also search for available COVID-19 vaccines at vaccines.gov. The County is no longer operating a distribution pod site.

If you have questions or need assistance finding a COVID-19 vaccination location near you, you may call the COVID-19 information line at 703-737-8300, Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Information is also available at loudoun.gov/coronavirus.

**Free Test Kits Available from Federal Government**

Every home in the United States is eligible to order a third round of free at-home COVID-19 tests courtesy of the federal government. To order yours today, please click here. If you need help placing your order, call 1-800-232-0233 (TTY 1-888-720-7489).

**In-Person Town Hall Meeting June 8 at John Champe**

I will be holding my next Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, June 8 in-person at John Champe High School (41535 Sacred Mountain Street), starting at 7:00 p.m. For those that are comfortable it will be great to see you in person - but if not, the meeting will also be livestreamed on Facebook Live.

I will be hosting representatives from the Department of Transportation and Capital Infrastructure to give an update on the Northstar Boulevard project. I will also share other updates on ongoing land use and transportation issues.

The livestream will be on on my Facebook page here. The video will be posted to the page after the meeting is over if you can't watch it live.
You don't need a Facebook account to follow the link and watch the video, but you will need an account if you'd like to leave a comment. I will be giving preference to questions in the room first.

I look forward to seeing you all on June 8!

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