

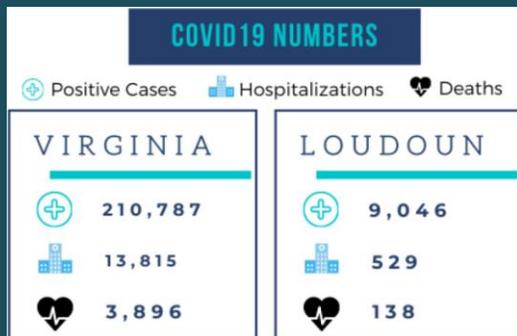


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COVID-19 Update



Local and State COVID-19 Trends

A November 18 COVID-19 Summary Report shows that Loudoun's seven-day positivity rate is 8.7% (up 0.4% since the last report).

At a press conference earlier this week, Governor Ralph Northam stated that

while cases are increasing, Virginia has the fourth lowest rate of cases per 100,000 residents in the country. While this is positive news, a November 8 report from the Northern Virginia Health Directors stated that the region is approaching "substantial community transmission." Furthermore, the Commonwealth experienced record numbers of daily cases this entire week. Residents are reminded to practice social distancing and wear a mask in order to avoid an even sharper resurgence in cases and stricter social distancing measures.

The Virginia Department of Health's COVID-19 Data Dashboard is available [here](#).

Returning Home from Campus for Holidays or Extended Breaks?



Loudoun Offers Guidance for College Students Returning Home for the Holidays

As college students travel home, many communities across the country are experiencing an increase in the number of COVID-19 cases. The combination of

events presents an increased risk for COVID-19 transmission and for bringing the virus into homes. Students should use extra caution if they will interact with older family members and individuals in the household who have underlying medical conditions.

Minimize Your Risk Before You Leave Campus

- Limit interactions with others before departure to decrease the potential for exposure to COVID-19 prior to travel (ideally, for 14 days before traveling).
- Wear a face covering and keep at least 6 feet apart from others, even if you are outside.
- Consider getting tested for COVID-19 before you leave and if possible, wait until you have the results before traveling home (ideally, this testing would be done as close to your date of departure as possible, and no more than 10-14 days before leaving your school.)
- Get a flu vaccine.

Follow Prevention Steps for Travel

- Follow these COVID-19 core prevention steps to minimize the risk of exposure during travel (whether by personal vehicle or public transportation):
 - Do not travel if you are sick or have been around someone with COVID-19 within 14 days of travel.
 - Wear a face covering to keep your nose and mouth covered when in public settings, including on public transportation and in transportation hubs, such as airports and rail or bus stations.
 - Avoid close contact by staying at least 6 feet apart from others.
 - Wash your hands often or use hand sanitizer.
 - Avoid contact with anyone who is sick.
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.

Minimize Your Risk to Your Family and Friends While at Home

- Consider getting tested about one week after returning home to help identify any exposures or illness you may have picked up while traveling.

- Minimize interactions with others by spending short periods of time with smaller groups of people, outside if possible, and avoiding long, indoor gatherings.
- Regularly disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Follow [these guidelines for safe holiday celebrations](#).



Loudoun to Reduce Board Room Capacity

Loudoun County is reducing the capacity of the Board Room at the Loudoun County Government Center to 25 members of the public following Governor Ralph Northam's announcement Friday of new statewide measures that help mitigate the spread

of COVID-19. The Governor's order reduces public and private in-person gatherings to 25 individuals from 250 people.

Members of the public are encouraged to view the Board of Supervisors' meetings and Planning Commission public hearings on TV or online. The meetings are televised on Comcast Government Channel 23, Open Band Channel 40 and Verizon FiOS Channel 40 and livestreamed at loudoun.gov/meetings. Documents prepared for Board meetings are posted at loudoun.gov/bosdocuments.



Nonprofit organizations providing core human services to vulnerable and disadvantaged residents of Loudoun County are encouraged to apply.

Key areas of focus:

- Prevention and Self-Sufficiency
- Crisis Intervention and Diversion
- Long-Term Support
- Improved Quality of Human Services

Mini-grants for smaller organizations are also available through a simplified application process.



loudoun.gov/nonprofitgrants

Loudoun Nonprofit Grant Funding Application Now Available

Loudoun County's grant application process for human service nonprofit organizations is underway with the posting of

the Fiscal Year 2022 (FY 2022) Human Service Nonprofit Grant Application at loudoun.gov/nonprofitgrants.

Tax-exempt, private, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations that provide human services to Loudoun County residents in the areas of need identified and approved by the

Board of Supervisors for FY 2022 are eligible to apply for grants. The areas of need and the anticipated outcomes are:

- **Prevention and Self-Sufficiency:** Services focused on assisting individuals and families in becoming and/or remaining independent and stable, and providing tools, skills, strategies, and resources to individuals and families.
- **Crisis Intervention and Diversion:** Services provided to individuals and families in crisis to overcome immediate problems and reduce or prevent the need for more restrictive and expensive higher-level services.
- **Long-Term Support:** Services that focus on assisting individuals who have continuing, long-term support needs to remain healthy, safe and independent in the community.
- **Improved Quality of Human Services:** Services and opportunities provided to individuals, organizations and communities that enhance the quality, accessibility, accountability and coordination of services provided by community organizations.

Applications must be submitted by 4:00 p.m., December 21, 2020. The amount of funding for FY 2022 will be determined as part of the county's adopted FY 2022 budget. In FY 2021, the budget for human service nonprofit grant funding was \$1.1 million.

Mini-Grants Process

In addition to the standard nonprofit application grant process, a mini-grants process will once again be available for FY 2022 funding, providing a simplified application for any nonprofit applying for a grant of \$5,000 or less. The mini-grants program is designed for innovative small-scale projects and new or small organizations that may lack the capacity to write a larger grant.



COVID-19 TESTING
Saturday, November 21, 2020
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Two Locations

Franklin Park 17501 Franklin Park Drive, Purcellville, 20132	Freedom High School 25450 Riding Center Drive Chantilly, 20152
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Drive-thru only. Free & open to everyone.

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Loudoun Hosts Free COVID-19 Testing November 21

Loudoun County will host two free drive-thru testing events for COVID-19 on Saturday, November 21, 2020, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The testing events will take place at two locations

simultaneously:

- [Franklin Park, 17501, Franklin Park Drive, Purcellville.](#)
- [Freedom High School, 25450 Riding Center Drive, Chantilly \(South Riding\).](#)

Saturday's testing event will be the third date this month on which the county has offered free COVID-19 testing. On November 10, 1,170 people received tests and on November 14, another 1,231 people received tests.

The November 21 testing events are 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 in order to be tested. A PCR test (nasal swab) will be administered at these testing events, which tests for the novel coronavirus. Results will be available within a week. No antibody or rapid tests will be offered.

Registration Form

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

- [View, print or download a flyer about the COVID-19 testing event \(English\) \(PDF\)](#).
- [View, print or download a flyer about the COVID-19 testing event \(Spanish\) \(PDF\)](#).



**LOUDOUN COUNTY
COLD WEATHER SHELTER**

November 15, 2020 - March 31, 2021

Loudoun Homeless Services Center
19520 Meadowview Court, Leesburg

For adults age 18 or older
Call 571-258-3033 for assistance.

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Reminder: Loudoun Cold Weather Shelter is Now Open

The Loudoun County Cold Weather Shelter will opened on November 15 for adults in the community who are experiencing a housing crisis resulting

in homelessness. The shelter, which provides a warm indoor sleeping environment, meals and shower facilities, will be open 7:00 p.m. - 7:00 a.m., seven nights a week through March 31, 2021.

The Cold Weather Shelter is located at the Loudoun Homeless Services Center, 19520 Meadowview Court in Leesburg. A photo ID will be required for admittance to the shelter. Personal bags and belongings must be limited; all bags will be searched and stored in a locked room for security during the night.

Additionally, the following COVID-19 safety measures will be required for admittance to the shelter:

- Face coverings: A face covering will be provided for anyone who does not have one.
- Temperature checks: Temperatures will be taken with a no-contact thermometer.
- COVID-19 symptom screening: Questionnaires will be administered verbally by shelter staff.

The county will provide free transportation to the shelter with shuttle buses departing nightly at the times and locations below. Personal bags and belongings must be limited and no bicycles will be allowed. Face coverings, temperature checks and COVID-19 symptom screenings will be required to board the bus.

- 5:00 p.m. – Williams Watters House, 22365 Enterprise Street, Sterling (near Loudoun County Transit Local Bus Route 82 bus stop)
- 6:00 p.m. – Douglass Community Center, 405 East Market Street, Leesburg

On weekends and holidays, the county will also provide a morning shuttle drop-off from the shelter to each of the stops noted above.

The shelter is operated by Volunteers of America Chesapeake & Carolinas under a contract with Loudoun County. The shuttle bus transportation is operated by ECHO under a contract with Loudoun County.

More information about services available to those experiencing homelessness in Loudoun County may be found at loudoun.gov/CoC or by calling 703-777-0420.



Governor's Updates

Virginia Governor Ralph Northam has announced new statewide measures to contain COVID-19, effective at midnight, Sunday, November 15, 2020. The new measures include a limit of 25 people for in-person gatherings, an expanded mask mandate to include Virginians five and over, an on-site alcohol curfew and increased enforcement of guidelines for essential retail businesses.

[Read the governor's November 13, 2020, news release.](#)

The following are some highlighted changes that were **not** specifically mentioned in the Governor's news release, but are included in the amended orders:

- Restaurants, dining establishments, food courts, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, and tasting rooms may continue to offer delivery and take-out services between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 5 a.m. (pg. 2, *Sixth Amended EO67*).
- Spectators at indoor and outdoor recreational sports activities cannot exceed the lesser of 30% occupancy load of the certificate of occupancy for the venue, if applicable, or 25 spectators per field (pg. 10, *Sixth Amended EO67*).
- Races or marathons may have up to 250 participants, provided staggered starts separate runners into groups of 25 or less (pg. 10, *Sixth Amended EO67*).
- Fitness and exercise facilities are limited to 75% occupancy; group classes are limited to 75% occupancy or 25 persons (participants and instructors), whichever is less (pg. 4, *Sixth Amended EO67*).
- Entertainment and amusement businesses total number of attendees (including both participants and spectators cannot exceed the lesser of 30% of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy, if applicable, or 250 persons (pg. 9, *Six Amended EO67*).

Governor Northam also announced more than \$1.9 million in matching grants to be awarded to 161 local tourism initiatives as part of Virginia Tourism Corporation's (VTC) Recovery Marketing Leverage Program (RMLP). VTC revised its traditional Marketing Leverage Program to create the RMLP in an effort to support tourism initiatives in responding to and recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic.

RMLP is open to all Virginia tourism industry partners and will help local and regional tourism programs leverage limited local marketing dollars through a local in-kind match of the state grants funds. This funding cycle, local partners will provide more than \$5.6 million in-kind value to match the VTC grants, and the RMLP will ultimately impact 483 statewide tourism entities.

VTC offered these grant funds as a first step to re-entry into the marketplace to spur economic activity and future travel across the Commonwealth. The RMLP is designed to increase visitor spending by stimulating new tourism marketing through partnerships and extending the "Virginia is for Lovers" brand. Applicants joined with two other partners to apply for the VTC funds. Partners may consist of Virginia cities, towns, counties, convention and visitors' bureaus, chambers of commerce, local or regional destination marketing organizations, private businesses, museums, attractions, cultural events, and other tourism-related businesses.

For more information on VTC's industry assistance programs, including the COVID-19 Industry Response Toolkit, visit vatc.org. A full list of Recovery Marketing Leverage Program grant recipients 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](#)

Seen any message of hope and inspiration? Do you know someone making a difference in your community? Share with us at zachary.harris@loudoun.gov and we'll put them in our updates and newsletter.

If you are having trouble paying your utilities because of COVID-19, visit the County's webpage on [COVID-19 Utilities](#). You will find 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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