

All About Algonkian



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Dear Neighbors,

First, let me wish you and yours the happiest of holidays. Whether you celebrated Hanukkah or plan to celebrate Kwanzaa, Christmas, or if you don't observe religious holidays at all, I hope you can spend some time at the end of this tumultuous year in reflection and **safely** visiting with your closest friends and families,

which may mean virtually. I will spend a quiet holiday with my two teenagers at home with our dog, Sailor.

Please remember that our COVID numbers in Loudoun have been sliding in the wrong direction, as we experienced the 5th and 6th highest daily case counts just this week since the pandemic began! The country's hospitals are full, death rates are increasing and our national healthcare system is breaking under the pressure. Loudoun will not be an exception unless we remain vigilant. Wear your mask, wash your hands, stay socially distant and please do not travel or gather with anyone outside of your immediate household. Your decisions matter. We've also received some positive news as Loudoun County residents qualifying under

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Phase 1 of Virginia's vaccination strategy have started getting the COVID-19 vaccine. More information about the vaccine is available below.

As I look back on 2020, I am proud of the accomplishments and initiatives we have been able to move forward this year, despite the ever-present pressure of a global pandemic. You should receive a mailer next month discussing the highlights.

I am most proud of our initiatives for bike paths and connectivity in the district and the county-wide efforts to be more welcoming and inclusive. We removed the Confederate Statue from the courthouse grounds, are fixing the WWI memorial so it does not segregate Loudoun's soldiers who served honorably and we are expecting an inventory of public infrastructure that honors secessionists and segregationists. To this end, we passed a motion at our last business meeting to immediately begin work on renaming Routes 7 and 50 in our jurisdiction. More to come in this regard!

Have a very happy and healthy new year!

Stay well,

Guli



Governor's Updates

School Board
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BOS Meetings

November's Board of Supervisors meeting will be held Thursday, November 5th because of Election Day. Normally, the BOS meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. Public Hearings are held the Wednesday after the 1st Board meeting.

Check out the [BOS Calendar](#) for upcoming meetings

Want to speak?
[Visit the county web page for information.](#)

QUICK TIPS

Can't find time to get to DMV? No problem. They will come to you with DMV2Go!!!

Apply for or renew your ID or driver's license, take road

Loudoun County Encourages Residents to Participate in Community Survey

Loudoun County is asking residents to participate in The National Community Survey during the coming weeks. Loudoun County surveys its residents periodically to get their feedback on government services, the county's quality of life and priorities for government initiatives.

Loudoun is one of many communities across the United States that use this tool to help improve governmental performance, guide policy decisions, strengthen communications with community stakeholders and identify clear priorities for use in goal and budget setting.

The county contracts with the National Research Center, Inc., to participate in The National Community Survey, which was developed with the assistance of the International City/County Management Association. This scientific survey allows Loudoun to make comparisons with peer counties and has been used in more than 700 jurisdictions across 46 states.

Households that are selected to participate will receive a survey questionnaire in the mail in mid-December. Responses are anonymous and will be analyzed to provide a full picture of the Loudoun County community.

The mailed survey is being sent to a statistically representative sampling of Loudoun County households. A follow-up online survey will be made available in mid-January so that anyone who is interested may participate.

Results of the survey are expected to be presented to the Board of Supervisors in 2021.

For more information on the 2020 Loudoun County survey, call 703-777-0539 or [email Megan Cox](#). To view results of previous surveys conducted by the county, visit [loudoun.gov/survey](#).

and knowledge tests and much more.

Check the [DMV2Go calendar](#) for upcoming dates and locations

Loudoun County Health Department hotline
(703) 737-8300

**Loudoun County
is accepting
proposals from
rental property
owners for
Project-Based
Vouchers.**



Learn more at loudoun.gov/projectbasedvouchers

SCAMS

[IRS Issues Warning about Coronavirus-Related Scams; Watch Out for Schemes Tied to Economic Impact Payments](#)

The Virginia Coronavirus Fraud Task Force and Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigations are warning taxpayers to be alert about possible scams relating to [COVID-19 economic impact payments](#).

[Virginia Coronavirus Fraud Task Force](#)

Eastern Virginia Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator,

Loudoun Seeks Proposals from Rental Property Owners for Project-Based Vouchers

The Loudoun County Office of Housing is now accepting proposals from the owners of rental property to contract with the county for Project-Based Vouchers (PBVs). PBVs will be awarded to rental property owners for assistance tied to specific housing units, which may be newly constructed or rehabilitated rental housing. PBVs may be awarded to the owners of affordable rental housing who provide fully accessible housing for people with disabilities.

Housing units that are fully accessible and compliant with the Code of the Federal Register will be given priority.

Proposals will be evaluated based on owner experience and capability to manage or build rental housing as identified in the proposal. Proposals should address [six criteria](#).

Proposals must be submitted by 5:00 p.m., Monday, January 25, 2021. The Loudoun County Office of Housing reserves the right to not award PBV contracts.

For more information about the review process and application,

Assistant U.S.
Attorney [Email](#)
[Kaitlin F. Cooke](#) or
804-819-5416.

To report fraudulent
activity to the
Virginia State Police,
Virginians can [Email](#)
[Virginia Fusion](#)
[Center](#).

To report a COVID-
19 fraud scheme or
suspicious activity,
contact the
National Center for
Disaster Fraud
(NCDF) by calling
the NCDF Hotline at
1-866-720-5721 or
[send an email](#).



**VIRGINIA'S
HEALTH
IS IN YOUR
HANDS.**

Do your part,
stay at home.

visit loudoun.gov/projectbasedvouchers or
Janelle Beverly at 703-737-8213 or [email](#).



County Seeks Public Input on Linear Parks and Trails

On January 17, 2019, the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors directed the Loudoun County Parks, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Board to develop a detailed implementation plan for an interconnected, countywide linear parks and trails system. PROS subsequently appointed representatives from key stakeholder groups to the Linear Parks and Trails (LPAT) Subcommittee to advance the initiative.

The interconnected, countywide linear parks and trails system will provide a variety of functions and benefits, including recreation, alternative transportation, wildlife habitat, water quality protection, flood hazard reduction, aquifer recharge, erosion prevention,

property value enhancement, economic development and scenic beauty.

Public engagement is a vital part of this planning initiative. Over the next several months, citizens will have opportunities to participate, including virtual meetings and surveys. Residents are encouraged to complete an online survey, submit comments and find more information about the Linear Parks and Trails system project at loudoun.gov/linearparksandtrails. Inquiries and comments can also be sent by email to lpaf@loudoun.gov.



County Offers (Virtual) Support for Early Stage Dementia

The Loudoun County Area Agency on Aging has launched a new (virtual) support group for anyone diagnosed with early stage dementia. Members of the group are able to provide the acceptance, understanding and support needed by those facing consequences of the disease. The group meets on the second Wednesday of each month from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

To register for the Early Stage Dementia Virtual Support Group, email aaasupport@loudoun.gov or call 703-737-8741. Registration is free and a link to join will be emailed to registrants.

The Loudoun County Area Agency on Aging is a division of the Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services.



Here's What's Happening with Traffic Around Algonkian

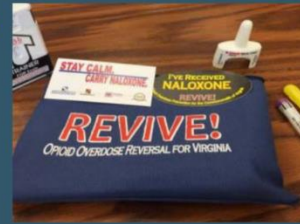
Loudoun froze \$100 million in FY21 budget monies in anticipation of a much deeper economic crisis as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. I was relieved to hear, however, that more than 90% of county residents have paid their real property taxes to date and that tax collection remains on track with previous years. Due to this positive news, the Board voted to unfreeze spending. Some transportation and infrastructure projects that were approved include:

- \$300,000 to supplement the Algonkian and Lowes island Boulevard intersection improvements, including pedestrian improvements, paving marking and traffic signal modifications, and signage.
 - \$508,000 to install street lights on Sterling Boulevard.
 - \$4 million for the prioritized projects in the Intersection Improvement Program in the county's Capital Improvement Program
 - \$1,050,00 for the prioritized projects in the Sidewalk and Trails Program in the CIP
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Opioid Overdose Reversal Virtual Training

Upcoming 2021 Classes

- January 11 - 5:30 p.m.
- January 14 - 12:00 p.m.
- January 19 - 5:30 p.m.



The training is free. Participants must preregister.



Register at loudoun.gov/revive

Virtual Trainings on Reversing Opioid Overdoses Scheduled for January 2021

Loudoun County has scheduled several virtual training sessions for January 2021 on how to recognize and respond to an opioid overdose.

The free, one-hour training covers signs of opioid overdose and how to respond to an opioid overdose with the administration of naloxone, a drug that can be used to treat narcotic overdoses in emergency situations.

Any registered participant completing the training will be eligible to receive free naloxone nasal spray. Those interested in attending may register online at loudoun.gov/revive.

More information about the opioid overdose reversal training is available at loudoun.gov/revive or by contacting the MHSADS Prevention and Intervention Program at 571-258-3365 or by [email](#).



Governor Northam Announces Grant Funding to Improve Food Access in Underserved Communities

Governor Ralph Northam announced that the application period for the inaugural Virginia Food Access Investment Fund (VFAIF) has begun and will remain open through April 30, 2021. VFAIF will provide grants between \$5,000 to \$50,000 to support business development, construction, rehabilitation, equipment upgrades, or expansion of grocery stores, small food retailers, or innovative food retail projects that increase food access in underserved communities.

Earlier this year, Governor Northam signed [House Bill 1509](#), sponsored by Delegate Delores McQuinn, and [Senate Bill 1073](#), sponsored by and Senator Jennifer McClellan, creating the Virginia Food Access Investment Program and Fund. Investing in innovative food retail strategies through the Virginia Food Access Investment Program and Fund is one of the goals outlined in the recently released [Virginia Roadmap to End Hunger](#).

The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) will administer the program in partnership with a selected Community Development Financial Institution. The VFAIF application can be accessed through the [VDACS website](#). A completed

Equitable Food-Oriented Self-Assessment must accompany each application.

Additional information about VFAIF is available [here](#). Questions about VFAIF program or the application workshops should be directed to Jennifer.Perkins@vdocs.virginia.gov.



Help Fight the Spotted Lanternfly: Check Your Holiday Decorating Material for Egg Masses

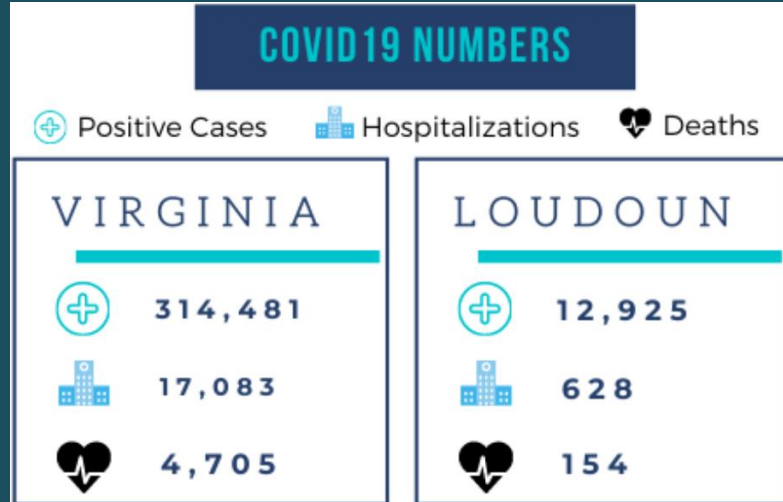
If you purchase live material for your holiday decorating that was not grown in Loudoun County such as trees, wreaths and garlands, officials ask that you examine the material to look for egg masses of the spotted lanternfly; an invasive insect that can affect agricultural and ornamental plants.

Adult spotted lanternflies die at the onset of winter; however, their egg masses can survive below-zero temperatures. Egg masses typically include 30 to 50 jellybean-shaped eggs in neat rows covered by a waxy substance that looks like mud. The egg masses can accumulate on tree trunks, branches, and other surfaces from the fall to early spring when they hatch.

Loudoun advises residents to be aware that there could also be beneficial insects, such as praying mantises, that may lay eggs on trees and people could mistakenly think are spotted lanternfly eggs. Mantis eggs should be

taken outside so that they can hatch in the warm weather.

COVID-19 Update

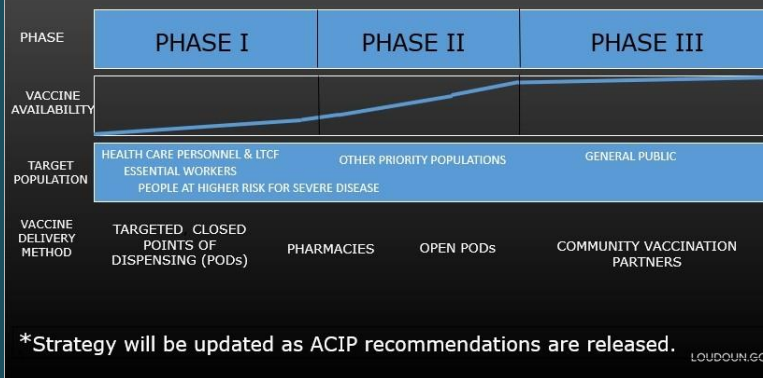


State and Local COVID-19 Trends

According to Loudoun's December 22 COVID-19 Summary Report, the County's seven-day test positivity rate is 11.8 percent (up 0.2 percent since last report). At the state level, Virginia has experienced a decrease in its seven-day moving average since December 5. More information about COVID-19 from the Virginia Department of Health can be accessed [here](#).

The Loudoun County COVID-19 data dashboard can be accessed by clicking this [link](#).

Virginia's COVID-19 Vaccination Strategy*



Virginia Vaccination Strategy

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) announced revised vaccination priorities for the Commonwealth as well as plans to begin distributing and administering COVID-19 vaccine before the end of the year. The initial distribution will be provided to two top priority groups: healthcare personnel and long-term care facility (LTCF) residents. The priorities decision is intended to allocate limited vaccine supplies in a way that maximizes benefits and minimizes harms, promotes justice and mitigates health inequities.

Over time, as more vaccine supply becomes available, more Virginians will be able to get vaccinated. Because ensuring that everyone who can receive a COVID-19 vaccine receives one is a critical part of ending the pandemic, the vaccine will be free to everyone. The federal government has indicated that it will provide vaccine doses at no cost to the public. Please see the chart for Virginia's vaccination strategy.

Phase 1a: Healthcare Workers and Long-Term Care Residents

Phase 1b: Essential Workers

Phase 1c: High Risk Adults

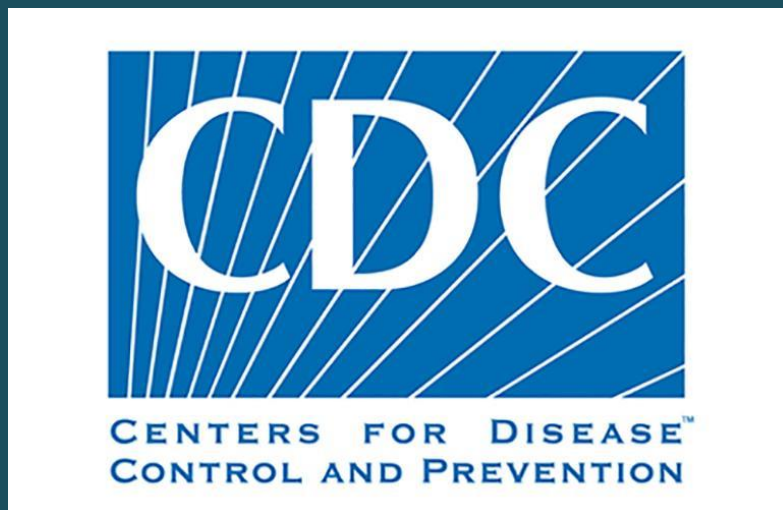
Phase 2: Other Priority Populations

Phase 3: General Public



Managing Holiday Stress

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the look and feel of our holidays this year. Being away from family and friends can be hard. Consider these tips. And get more strategies for stress and coping with COVID-19 from the Virginia Department of Health: bit.ly/3p5Z1OO.



COVID-19 Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities Web Resources

Explore CDC's new web resources on [COVID-19 Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities](#). Learn how conditions in the places where people live, learn, work, play, and

worship affect who's more likely to get COVID-19. Use interactive data and peer-reviewed literature to explore how COVID-19 shows up among racial and ethnic minority groups.



Virginia Now Planning For 370,650 Doses of COVID-19 Vaccine by December 2020

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) was informed by Operation Warp Speed that, like other states, Virginia's estimated allocation of COVID-19 vaccine doses will be less than initially planned for the next few weeks. Virginia is now planning to receive 370,650 doses of vaccine in December 2020 from two manufacturers, Pfizer and Moderna. This is down from the previously expected 480,000 doses.

Virginia's health care personnel (HCP) and long-term care facility (LTCF) residents remain top priority groups. Eighteen Virginia hospitals received initial shipments of the Pfizer vaccine this week, and they began dispersing a total of 72,125 doses to frontline healthcare workers. Virginia has already placed an order for 146,400 doses of the Moderna vaccine, which if approved by the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA), will begin arriving the week of December 21.

CDC and Operation Warp Speed provide regular estimates to states for vaccine distribution planning;

these estimates remain subject to change. VDH is working closely with the CDC to ensure a smooth and equitable vaccine deployment.



Now Launching: Minority Owned Small Business Grant Program

The Community Foundation invites minority owned small businesses to apply to receive grants of \$5,000 to \$10,000. Organizations eligible to apply will demonstrate 51% ownership identifying as African American, Asian American, Hispanic American, or Native American and residents of Loudoun County. Eligible businesses also must demonstrate that they are located in Loudoun County with annual net revenues less than \$250,000, or less than \$500,000 for businesses with three or more full-time employees.

The Loudoun Chamber of Commerce's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee will partner with the Community Foundation to serve as an application review committee. Businesses hit hardest by COVID-19 will be prioritized for funding.

Funds are expected to be distributed no later than February 1, 2021. Eligible businesses can apply by visiting <https://funding.communityfoundationlf.org>. Applications are due by January 19, 2021. Anyone interested in applying is invited to attend an online pre-application workshop on January 5, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.; registration information to attend the pre-application workshop can be found here. A secondary pre-application workshop will also be held on January 5 at 10:30 a.m. with access to Spanish-language interpretation – registration to attend can be found here. Inquiries are welcome to Nicole Acosta,

Director of Grants, Community Foundation for Loudoun and Northern Fauquier Counties at 703-779-3505 X3 or Nicole@CommunityFoundationLF.org.



COVID-19 Outbreaks by Selected Exposure Settings

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) launched a COVID-19 outbreak dashboard in response to the requirements of HB5048 of the 2020 Virginia General Assembly Special Session. The dashboard includes outbreaks that occurred in medical care facilities, residential or day programs licensed by VDH, Department of Social Services (DSS) or Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS), summer camps, and kindergarten (K)-12th grade schools. Currently, outbreaks in long-term care facilities and K-12 schools are displayed in separate public dashboards by VDH. As of December 18, 2020, they will be incorporated into this dashboard.

- Outbreaks on this dashboard represent specific, identifiable outbreak events that were investigated by local health departments in collaboration with the facilities listed.
- Outbreaks are listed by locality, facility type and by public health investigation status.
- COVID-19 cases and deaths linked to one of these facility outbreaks will be listed.
- Outbreaks are reported for residential or day programs, K-12 schools or summer camps that have at least 30 enrolled students or residents and staff.

Some facilities may have more than one COVID-19 outbreak occurring at the same time in different settings or may have multiple COVID-19 outbreaks over the course of the pandemic. Due to confidentiality concerns, this dashboard reports outbreaks at the facility level, and not in a particular unit or subsection.

To find out more about an outbreak or the measures in place to protect the population affected, please contact the facility listed. The dashboard will be available on the VDH [website](#).



Governor's Update

Governor Ralph Northam announced that Virginia will allocate \$10 million in federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding to create Unite Virginia, a statewide technology platform designed to connect vulnerable Virginians to health and social services. Working with [Unite Us](#), a technology company that builds coordinated care networks of health and social service providers, the Commonwealth will implement an integrated e-referral system that unites government agencies, health care providers, and community-based partners and supports Virginia's continuing COVID-19 response and recovery efforts.

This initial funding allocation will cover startup and implementation costs to operate the e-referral system,

which can integrate with widely used electronic medical record systems in place at hospitals, health systems, and medical practice groups across Virginia. Establishing those links will enable health care providers to refer patients to social service organizations that can provide other supports such as food, transportation assistance, housing, employment services, and more. In turn, participating organizations will be able to refer patients and clients to each other. This interconnected approach also increases the likelihood that vulnerable Virginians will access support services to manage their health conditions and the environmental factors that contribute to them. Data insights gleaned from the integrated technology platform will help state government, providers, and other partners identify critical needs and better focus efforts to serve these Virginians.

Unite Us provides unifying infrastructure between health care providers and community-based organizations as the foundation for social care transformation at scale. With networks in more than 40 states, Unite Us is the statewide technology platform in North Carolina and the company is developing programs similar to what is planned in Virginia in communities in Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, and South Dakota. In Virginia, Unite Us already powers networks in the Hampton Roads and Shenandoah Valley regions. When fully established, this network will be an integral part of the Commonwealth's broader public health framework.

Please share any messages of hope you see.
Submissions may be sent to Zachary Harris at
zachary.harris@loudoun.gov and we'll share them in
our updates and newsletter.

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School Board Snippets

Acting Superintendent

The School Board unanimously selected Dr. Scott Ziegler as the Interim Superintendent for LCPS effective January 1, 2021. Dr. Zeigler has extensive prior experience as a special education teacher, a social studies teacher and assistant principal, which will provide a solid foundation for insight into instructional issues. LCPS will begin a nationwide

search for a Superintendent in 2021, which will include opportunities for stakeholder input.

Douglass School Renovations

The Douglass School, located in Leesburg, was built in 1941 and is listed in the Virginia Landmarks Register and the National Register of Historic Places. Renovations will begin this summer with a planned reopening in 2022. LCPS is asking for community input focusing on ways the important history of this school can be shared within the building and on the site. You can view the proposed renovation commemorative concepts [here](#) and provide feedback to LCPS staff via email at DouglassRenovation@lcps.org or by calling the Construction Services Division at (571) 252-1161.

Upcoming Items

- Staff will present information on revised metrics for threshold triggers, per my request to include in-school transmission and/or mitigation factors, as well as options for pandemic leave and stipends.
- The Board will act on the Equity Committee's request to address the misgendering of students.
- The Board will hear the Proposed FY 22 Budget via five work sessions, with public hearings.
- The Legislative and Policy Committee will finalize Policy 1035, School Board Norms, Protocols and Violations, for Board action.

It has been a pleasure to serve as the Vice Chair and your Algonkian District School Board Representative this past year. I wish you all Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year!

If you wish to receive a more detailed newsletter, please sign up at atoosareaser.com. Stay safe and continue to contact me with your feedback, questions, or concerns.

Thank you,



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