

Dear Leesburg Resident,

The [Virginia Department of Health \(VDH\) announced](#) that Loudoun County entered Phase 1b of the COVID-19 vaccination efforts. Phase 1b includes frontline essential workers who are in sectors essential to the functioning of society, are at substantially higher risk of exposure, and cannot work remotely. View details about Phase 1b from the VDH [here](#). Because there is not a sufficient supply of COVID-19 vaccine to vaccinate everyone in Phase 1b at the same time, the Loudoun County Health Department will reach out to members of the 1b group in the following order, which is required by VDH:

1. Police, fire and hazmat workers
2. Corrections and homeless shelter workers
3. Child care/K-12 teachers/staff
4. Food and agriculture workers
5. Manufacturing workers
6. Grocery store workers
7. Public transit workers
8. Mail carriers (USPS and private)
9. Officials needed to maintain continuity of government

People aged 75 and over are also included in Phase 1b because they are at higher risk of serious illness should they contract COVID-19. This older adult population is prioritized to receive vaccine at the same time as the frontline essential workers listed above.

Residents have asked whether the state is following the CDC's guidance and expanding the Phase 1b group to include people over 65, as well as those over 75. As of this email, the answer is no; however that could change at any time. The County is required to follow state rules and right now the qualifying age is 75.

Loudoun County is working with its community partners—which include pharmacies, health care systems, schools and employers—to help people in Phase 1b know from whom they will receive vaccine, how to make an appointment to receive a vaccine, and where to go to get vaccinated. The Health Department is coordinating special vaccination events for law enforcement, fire and hazmat, corrections and homeless shelter workers, and public schools employees. There is no need for individuals working in these sectors to contact the Health Department to schedule appointments.

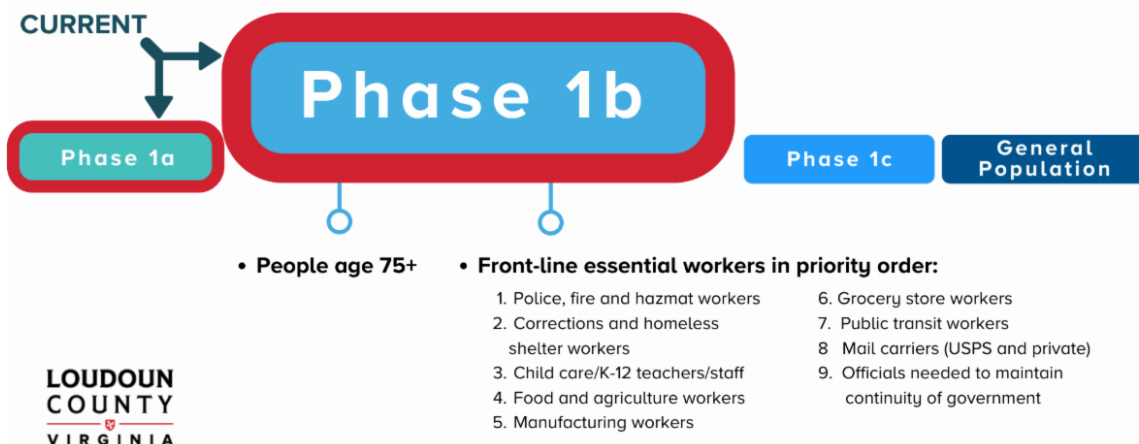
Residents who are included in Phase 1b because of their age will be offered the vaccine through their healthcare provider, local health department or arrangements with healthcare systems and pharmacies. If you are 75 years old or older, you may receive guidance about the vaccination process by contacting the Loudoun County Health Department in one of two ways:

1. Send an e-mail that includes your name and basis for inclusion in Phase 1b to health@loudoun.gov, which is the most efficient way to contact the Health Department;
2. If you do not have access to e-mail, you may call Loudoun County's COVID-19 information line at 703-737-8300 between 8:30 am and 5:00 pm.

Additional information about the ongoing vaccination efforts will be published as it becomes available on this [website](#). To stay informed about when it is your turn to receive a COVID-19 vaccine, please sign-up to receive text or e-mail updates about COVID-19. Sign up for e-mail and text updates on COVID-19 in [Notify Me, Blogs category, "Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)."](#)

As we move forward, vaccine will become increasingly available through residents' health care providers and local pharmacies and as a result, the Loudoun County Health Department will not be the primary provider of COVID-19 vaccine. Thank you.

COVID-19 Vaccination Phase 1b



COVID-19 Testing Event

Loudoun County has scheduled an upcoming free drive-thru [COVID-19 testing event](#) on Wednesday, January 27th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at Claude Moore Park, 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road in Sterling.

You do 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.

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. 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.



FREE COVID-19 TESTING EVENT

For All Ages

- **Open to everyone; no age or residency requirements.**
- **No prescriptions or appointments necessary.**
- **Drive-thru only.**
- **Be prepared to complete a registration form that asks for general information including name, date of birth, address, phone number and current symptoms, if any. Your information will be kept PRIVATE.**

Wednesday, January 27, 2021
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Claude Moore Park
21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road, Sterling

Visit loudoun.gov/COVID19testing to complete the registration form in advance.

All events will occur rain or shine.
Testing will end when the site reaches capacity or by 1 p.m.
As many tests as possible will be administered during each event.

Warm Regards,

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