

Dear Leesburg Resident,

The situation on COVID-19 vaccinations is fluid and changing by the day and sometimes by the hour. The Commonwealth of Virginia announced that Virginia would follow federal guidelines on COVID-19 vaccinations and move adults aged 65 and older from Phase 1c into Phase 1b. This change also moves people aged 16 through 64 years with a [high-risk medical condition](#) or disability that increases their risk of severe illness from COVID-19 into Phase 1b.

The Loudoun County Health Department will begin requiring all requests for vaccine by individuals and organizations that are in the Phase 1a and Phase 1b priority groups to submit an [online pre-screening survey](#). Requests for vaccine will no longer be accepted by e-mail, as previously announced. Only those who do not have access to the internet may call the Health Department's COVID-19 hotline at **703-737-8300**.

At this time, there are significantly more requests for vaccine than there are vaccine doses available. As you may have heard, the federal vaccine stockpile is currently empty. This means the state of Virginia and its counties and cities are not able to acquire vaccine with the speed we want. As a result, the Health Department cannot schedule additional appointments at this time; however, the online pre-screening survey may be submitted by people in Phase 1a or Phase 1b and when additional vaccine supplies arrive in Loudoun, additional appointments can be offered.

Who is eligible in Phase 1b?

Phase 1b includes frontline essential workers, people aged 65 years and older, people living in correctional facilities, homeless shelters and migrant labor camps, and people aged 18 through 64 years with a high-risk medical condition or disability that increases their risk of severe illness from COVID-19. Please note that while the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has indicated that teens aged 16 to 18 who have underlying medical conditions are eligible, the Loudoun County Health Department is currently accepting pre-screening vaccination surveys from adults 18 and older because the Health Department's supply of vaccine—Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine—is approved for only those 18 and older.

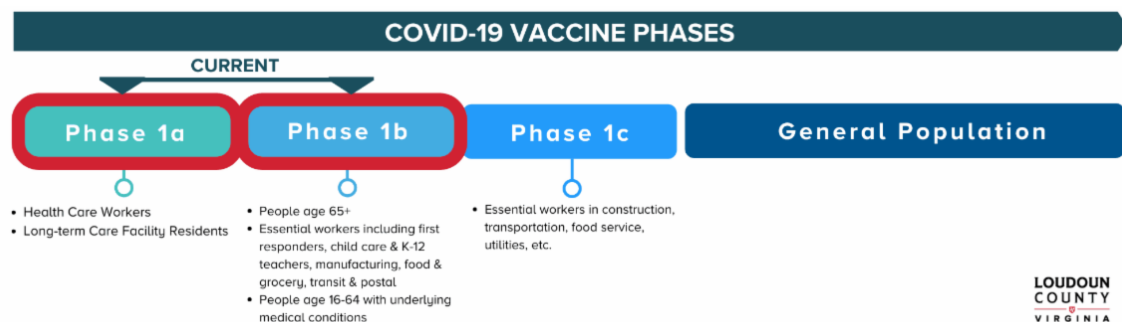
How do I sign up for a COVID-19 vaccine?

Many members of the Phase 1a and 1b priority groups may be enrolled for vaccination by their employers; this is the most efficient way of getting signed up for vaccinations. Members of the Phase 1a and 1b groups who have not been contacted by their employers, residents over the age of 65, and adults with high risk medical conditions may contact the Loudoun County Health Department in one of two ways:

1. Complete this [online pre-screening survey](#). The fastest and most efficient method to obtain an appointment for a COVID-19 vaccine is to submit the online form. This form verifies your eligibility and provides your contact information. Please note that residents who contacted the call center and finalized their data submission in the old survey portal, do not need to re-enter this same information in the new survey portal. After submitting the form, it may take days to weeks before you receive a response because the Health Department is currently not scheduling appointments because vaccine supplies are limited. As more vaccine arrives in Loudoun, additional appointments will be made and those who have submitted the online pre-screening survey will be offered vaccination appointments in priority order. Please be patient; once you submit an online pre-screening survey, there is no need to call the Health Department.
2. If you do not have access to the internet, you may call Loudoun County's COVID-19 information line at [703-737-8300](tel:703-737-8300) between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm. Due to significant call volume, there may be a delay in reaching an operator.

Where will I get the vaccine?

Right now, because supplies of COVID-19 vaccine are limited in Loudoun County, the Health Department has scheduled only a limited number of appointments. The Health Department is coordinating the expansion of vaccination opportunities to include other providers in the community, including employer-based clinics, doctors' offices and health care providers, and local pharmacies. As vaccine supplies in Loudoun increase and more and more providers offer vaccine, Loudoun County ultimately will not be the primary provider of COVID-19 vaccine.



COVID-19 Testing Event

Please note the new address for the upcoming free drive-thru [COVID-19 testing event](#) on Wednesday, January 27th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at Claude Moore Park, 46150 Loudoun Park Lane in Sterling.

COVID-19 TESTING

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

Claude Moore Park

46150 Loudoun Park Lane
Sterling, 20164

Drive-thru only. Free & open to everyone.



loudoun.gov/COVID19testing

Bus Service Impacted by Inaugural Events

To ensure the safety of Loudoun County commuters leading up to and following the presidential inauguration, Loudoun County Transit modified the Commuter Bus Service going to and from Washington, D.C. until January 22nd. Please check the [Loudoun County Transit website](#) for service changes.

Bus services affected:

- Loudoun County Transit will operate morning and afternoon Commuter Bus Services to and from the West Falls Church Metro Station only. This includes Routes 281, 282, 481, 482, 681, 682, 881 and 882.
- Regularly scheduled bus service to and from the West Falls Church and Wiehle-Reston East Metrorail Stations will operate as normal. View Metro Connection Service schedules.
- The Local Fixed Routes will operate as normal.
- There will be no Commuter Bus Service or Metro Connection Bus Service on January 18th for Martin Luther King Day, or January 20th for Inauguration Day.

The annual Dr. Martin Luther King march and celebration in Leesburg is 100% virtual this year. Reverend Al Sharpton will give the keynote address and other speakers include United State Senators Mark Warner and Tim Kaine, Virginia Attorney General Mark Herring, local leaders, community organizations and artists. To register and get more information, please visit this [website](#). Thank you!

Warm Regards,

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