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Dear Neighbors,

Even as we have our eye on changes in Washington, we are drawn to the grave concern about vaccine distribution locally. And rightly so. The local efforts are inextricably connected to federal supply and the new administration's plans for distribution. As Governor Ralph Northam made clear in his press conference yesterday, the state can

only distribute vaccines as they come in from the federal government. Unfortunately, the previous administration encouraged expansion of vaccination groups without having the supply on hand or in production to fulfill this promise. This week, Gov. Northam confirmed that federal vaccine supply to the state will increase 16% and that level will remain consistent, allowing for better planning and allocation. The state will continue to distribute the vaccine to health districts based on population and intends to engage the National Guard for logistics. The state has distributed more than 500,000 vaccines, making it 11th in the country for total vaccines and Virginia is well within its peer group as far as percentage of population receiving shots, Northam said.

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The Governor has extended the COVID restrictions on face masks, social gatherings, and bars and restaurants through the end of February and he announced that the state is expanding call center resources and creating a centralized registration system for vaccines. For the county's part, the Board of Supervisors has authorized staff to enter into a leasing arrangement to operate a full-scale COVID-19 vaccination site in eastern Loudoun that will facilitate about 4,800 doses a day. Administration of these doses will still be dependent on vaccines received from the state and federal governments. The county is setting up permanent free and regular COVID-19 testing sites, including one at the Cascades Library. More information below.

Educating Loudoun's children is first and foremost on my mind, and I'm certain on all of yours. LCPS is currently following the CDC recommended guidelines regarding the safe reopening of schools. According to these guidelines, our county is in the red for two of the three top criteria for opening schools and in yellow/orange for two of the secondary indicators. Hospitalizations are of grave concern. As a mother of two LCPS high schoolers and Algonkian District Supervisor, I check them every day. Sometimes twice a day out of concern about where we are heading. You can follow the indicators [here](#).

I fully support keeping education remote at this time and will not support pulling school funding in an effort to force schools back into session. Our teachers and school staff are earning their paychecks, I assure you. In my opinion, it would be the ultimate hubris for the county board to assume we know more than the School Board, the CDC and the science in general on a matter such as this. Residents who have concerns about the school system are encouraged to contact School Board Vice Chair and Algonkian District representative Atoosa Reaser at Atoosa.Reaser@lcps.org.

While COVID is nearly all consuming for county staff and the board, we have been able to move forward on some important initiatives. This month, I visited three sites for potential outdoor use and trail connectivity throughout the county, including the Hidden Lane

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 and knowledge tests and much more.

Check the [DMV2Go calendar](#) for

property/superfund site in Algonkian District. We have several resolutions coming forward to honor Algonkian Eagle Scouts. The legislation limiting firearms on county property is coming to public hearing on Feb. 10 and I have asked that the board support Del. Suhas Subramanyam's bill to restrict firearms in school administrative buildings. This bill is also supported by my school board counterpart, Vice Chair Atoosa Reaser. You can read more about our legislative agenda below. At the Feb. 2 Business Meeting, the board will also consider the creation of an environmental commission that will tie together the county's efforts on climate, water management and public health.

Budget season is underway and the county has set the real property tax rate at \$1.025 for preparation and presentation of the budget by County Administrator Tim Hemstreet. Please mark your calendar for Feb. 25 at noon when I will be hosting a town hall on the county's budget with county finance staff. This town hall will be broadcast on Facebook Live.

As happens at the beginning of each year, the board reassesses committee assignments and regional board appointments. Not much has changed this year because COVID limited so much committee activity that Chairwoman Phyllis Randall wanted most of us to remain on our committees so that we could experience full "normal" operation for one year. However, one big change for me is that I will proudly be serving on the Northern Virginia Regional Commission with my colleague and Vice Chair Koran Saines. The commission works on important regional efforts such as COVID-19 coordination, immigration, the census and the environment to name a few.

Stay well,

Juli

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upcoming dates
and locations

Loudoun County
Health
Department
hotline
(703) 737-8300

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,
Assistant U.S.
Attorney Email
Kaitlin F. Cooke or
804-819-5416.

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FY22 BUDGET PROCESS

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TIME

FRIDAY, FEB. 26, 12:00-1:00 PM

The FY22 budget process is underway soon. Join Department of Finance and Budget Assistant Director Caleb Weitz and Supervisor Juli Briskman for a "Lunch and Learn" discussion on the overall budget process and the distinct roles of both county staff and the Board of Supervisors. The event will be livestreamed on Supervisor Briskman's Facebook page. All questions must be submitted in advance to Zachary.Harris@loudoun.gov.



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. **The online survey deadline is February 1.**

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

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.

identify clear priorities for use in goal and budget setting.

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.



Free Support Program for Early-Stage Dementia

A diagnosis of early-stage dementia can be overwhelming. The Loudoun County Area Agency on Aging is offering a free, five-session, virtual program for individuals living with early-stage dementia and their caregivers. [SHARE For Dementia](#) is an evidence-based, care-planning program based on 20 years of research by the Center for Research and Education, part of the Benjamin Rose Institute of Aging. Using technology, SHARE counselors support individuals and their caregivers in discussions about symptoms, communication, healthy activities, care preferences and planning for the future. For more information and to schedule an appointment with a counselor, email aaasupport@loudoun.gov or call 703-777-0257.



Community Foundation Scholarships Open for High School Seniors and College Students

The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia is accepting applications for college scholarships for the 2021-22 school year. Eligible students include high school seniors, undergraduates, and graduate students in Northern Virginia. Last year the annual program awarded more than \$300,000 in scholarships to help 110 area Northern Virginia students attend the college of their choice.

Applications are due by 5 p.m. on April 2, 2021. Additional scholarships are available, with deadlines throughout the spring. To learn more about each scholarship opportunity and to apply visit: cfnova.org/grants-and-scholarships.



Here's What's Happening with Traffic Around Algonkian

VDOT has provided updates to several infrastructure projects throughout Algonkian:

Algonkian Pkwy and Lowes Island Blvd Intersection Improvements:

- The contractor, Gorove/Slade Associates, submitted design plans to Loudoun Water, VDOT, and Loudoun Building and Development last month.

Riverside Pkwy:

- Phase 3 paving was postponed until early January 2021 due to weather, but all remaining storm sewer pipe is expected to be completed by the end of this month.
- The traffic signal at the intersection of Loudoun County Parkway has been completed for the temporary traffic control configuration and awaiting the final VDOT Communication inspection.
- The removal of a portion of Lexington Drive on the south side of Route 7 continues.

Community Water & Wastewater Project Assistance



Loudoun Offers Community Water and Wastewater Project Assistance

The Loudoun County Water and Wastewater Program has begun accepting applications for county assistance with community water and wastewater projects. The Water and Wastewater Program is designed to support Loudoun County communities experiencing issues with deficient or non-existent water and/or wastewater systems with funding and other resources. Properly functioning water and wastewater systems help to assure a cleaner and healthier community.

Communities that need assistance are encouraged to learn more at loudoun.gov/waterprojects. Applications will be accepted through March 31, 2021. Additional information, including the application for assistance, can be found at loudoun.gov/waterprojects or by contacting Loudoun County Environmental Program Specialist Scott Fincham at 703-771-5520 or by [email](#).



Loudoun Economic Development Launches New Webpage

As you look to expand your #LoudounPossible business, Loudoun Economic Development is here to help you find the right talent. The Department has launched [WorkInLoudoun.com](https://workinloudoun.com), a new suite of professional services, to connect the region's workforce with open positions. Workforce Development Manager Nancy Evanko works directly with businesses on tailored solutions, including research, human resources and marketing assistance.



Pollution Prevention

Did you know that 51 billion gallons of water flow into the Chesapeake Bay every day? That water can carry harmful sediment that covers underwater grasses and oysters.

If you see construction sites with very muddy, brown water entering the stormwater system (storm drains, ditches, swales, etc.), email stormwater@loudoun.gov. Learn more at loudoun.gov/preventpollution.

COVID-19 Update

COVID19 NUMBERS

Positive Cases Hospitalizations Deaths Vaccinations

VIRGINIA

	493,674
	21,113
	6,308
	78,261

LOUDOUN

	19,821
	741
	175
	2,733

State and Local COVID-19 Trends

According to Loudoun's January 27 COVID-19 Summary Report, the County's seven-day test positivity rate is 13.4 percent (unchanged since last report). At the state level, Virginia has experienced a decrease in its seven-day moving average since January 8. 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](#).

COVID-19 TESTING

February 2021

**Multiple
Locations**

**Tuesdays & Thursdays
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

Drive-thru only. Free & open to everyone.

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loudoun.gov/COVID19testing

Loudoun to Host Free Twice-Weekly COVID-19 Testing

Loudoun County will host free drive-thru COVID-19 testing events, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at multiple locations beginning in February. These events are intended to provide regular, predictable testing opportunities for the community. Capacity will be limited.

Locations

- February 2 and 4: [Franklin Park, 17501 Franklin Park Drive, Purcellville](#)
- February 9 and 11: [Philip A. Bolen Memorial Park, 42405 Claudia Drive, Leesburg](#) (Enter the park on Crosstrail Boulevard from Sycolin Road.)

- February 16 and 18: [Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls](#) (Access the testing location in the back parking lot, near the senior center.)
- February 23 and 25: [Dulles South Recreation & Community Center, 24950 Riding Center Drive, South Riding](#)
- The testing events are open to all.
- There are no age or residency requirements and 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, which tests for the novel coronavirus.
- No antibody or rapid tests will be offered.
- No COVID-19 vaccine will be available at these events.
- Please complete a registration form [English \(PDF\)](#) | [Spanish \(PDF\)](#) 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. 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.

Future Testing Events

Loudoun County expects to continue hosting COVID-19 testing events on an ongoing basis as long as a need for COVID-19 testing exists in the community. Residents are encouraged to visit the county's website regularly to review the schedule and to access registration forms: loudoun.gov/COVID19testing.

- [Find other COVID-19 testing sites in the region.](#)



Key Points About Vaccine Supply & Distribution in Loudoun

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loudoun.gov/COVID19vaccine

Key Points to Keep in Mind About Vaccine Supply & Distribution in Loudoun

Loudoun County's vaccine supply comes from the Virginia Department of Health, which allocates doses to local health districts based on each district's population. Virginia, like all states, gets vaccine doses from the federal government. [Read more key points to keep in mind about vaccine supply and distribution in Loudoun in today's earlier blog post.](#)



WORKPLACE SAFETY

Virginia Enacts First-in-the-Nation Permanent COVID-19 Workplace

Safety and Health Standards Amid Pandemic

Virginia's permanent COVID-19 workplace safety and health rules took effect January 27, after Governor Northam approved the standard adopted by the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry's Safety and Health Codes Board last week. The standards mandate appropriate personal protective equipment, sanitation, social distancing, infectious disease preparedness and response plans, record keeping, training, and hazard communications in workplaces across the Commonwealth.

These workplace safety requirements will remain effective throughout the pandemic. The Board will reconvene within 14 days of the expiration of Governor Northam's COVID-19 emergency declaration to determine whether there is a continued need for the standard. Under the standard:

- All public-facing employees will wear masks
- There will be ready access to hand sanitizer and the regular cleaning of common work spaces.
- Employees must be trained on COVID-19 safety and to develop infectious disease and preparedness response plans.
- Guidelines will be included for returning to work and communicating about employees who test positive and potential exposures.

The Virginia Department of Labor and Industry will enforce the permanent standard.

The final permanent standard can be found [here](#). Infectious disease preparedness and response plan templates and training guidance are available at doli.virginia.gov.

Workers who feel unsafe in their workplace can file a formal complaint with the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration [here](#).



Mental Health and Community Resources for Families

If you are uncertain about the best approach for supporting your child's mental health needs during the school closure and/or if your family is grieving the loss of the loved one, you can email the school-based mental health professionals at your child's school to ask questions and receive support. Mental health staff are expected to respond within 24 hours (not including weekends). Do not use this resource for urgent situations.

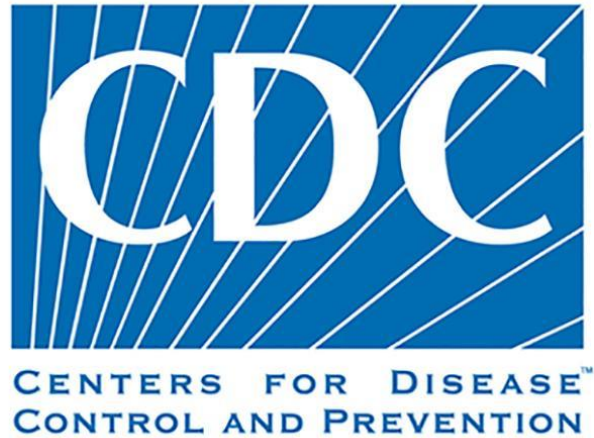
Contact your child's school-based team by following this link: [School Resource Contacts](#). Additional resources are also available [here](#).



When Can I Get Vaccinated?

The Virginia Department of Health has created an [online tool](#) to help residents determine which phase of the COVID-19 vaccine rollout they fall under. People who are more likely to have severe COVID-19 illness and workers that are essential to the functioning of society will be offered the vaccine in the earlier phases.

Please list your race/ethnicity when you sign up for your vaccine and on the day of your appointment. Collecting this information helps VDH ensure fair and equitable vaccine access and distribution to all Virginians.



V-safe After Vaccination Health Checker

V-safe is a smartphone-based tool that uses text messaging and web surveys to provide personalized health check-ins after you receive a COVID-19 vaccine. Through v-safe, you can quickly tell CDC if you have any side effects after getting the COVID-19 vaccine. Depending on your answers, someone from CDC may call to check on you and get more information. V-safe will also remind you to get your second COVID-19 vaccine dose if you need one. Instructions on how to download V-safe are available [here](#).

Note: V-safe cannot schedule vaccine appointments, including second doses of COVID-19 vaccines. If you need to schedule, reschedule, or cancel a COVID-19 vaccination appointment, contact the location that set up your appointment or a vaccine provider in your area. This may be your state or local health department, employer, or vaccine provider.



Governor's Update

At a briefing yesterday, Virginia Governor Ralph Northam highlighted some upcoming improvements to the state's COVID-19 vaccination efforts:

- Virginia will be receiving a 16% increase in vaccine from the federal government and that amount will be "locked in" for four weeks.
- The Virginia Department of Health's COVID-19 Vaccine Summary Dashboard, which is part of our Data Snapshot at the top of this daily summary report, will be expanded to provide more clarity and transparency.
- Virginia will soon create a statewide system with one phone number and website where individuals seeking a vaccination appointment can be directed to the appropriate place.

Governor Northam has also extended through February the temporary restrictions intended to stem the spread of COVID-19 as detailed in [Executive Order 72 \(PDF\)](#), including a universal mask requirement, a limit on social gatherings to 10 people and limits on dining establishments.

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.

ATOOSA REASER

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School Board Snippets

RETURN TO HYBRID

When the Board first adopted metrics at the request of families making second semester choices, my colleagues and I asked for in-school transmission criteria to be included as a consideration, but that criteria was not made available. Since Dr. Zeigler took over as Interim Superintendent, we implemented this consideration (and added reporting methods for mitigation violations), **ahead** of the new guidance from the Department of Education. The new guidance shifts weight to in-school transmission rates, when determining whether in-person learning should be offered. Accordingly, I expect we will return the students who chose hybrid and add the secondary students, over the next few weeks. I read and listen to every message you send so I know there will be mixed feelings on this topic. I will continue to work hard to try to improve both distance and hybrid learning options for our kids.

STAFF VACCINATION UPDATE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT:

- The Point of Distribution (POD) opened on Jan 15th with 3,700 vaccinations administered at end of week one.

- By the close of this week, we expect the vaccination number to reach over 9,000.
- The Loudoun County Health Department oversees LCPS nurses administering the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines.
- The POD has become more efficient and can continue to operate with just 20 school nurses from secondary schools, so returning kids to the class in stages can occur without major impact.

PROPOSED FY 22 BUDGET

Earlier this month, Interim Superintendent Dr. Ziegler and Staff presented the proposed budget for FY22. The Superintendent's proposed budget includes objectives such as:

- Addressing the instructional impact of the pandemic on students through expanded schooling options.
- Providing more learning opportunities through Virtual Loudoun.
- Continuing to offer competitive salaries.
- Accounting for growth of students with special needs, English language learners, and economic disadvantages.

Following five work sessions and public hearings, the Board is expected to adopt the budget on February 2nd.

SUPERINTENDENT'S SEARCH

In February, look for an online survey to give you and the Loudoun County community an opportunity for input on our next Superintendent. We will also begin focus groups to aid in the selection, which will include parents, staff, business leaders, and others. As is customary for school divisions of this size, the search will be a national one.

FIREARMS AT SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

We have students sit on the dais with us as Student School Board Members during regular meetings, as well as in the audience for government class, presentations, and to lead the pledge. But, since the building is not a school, the gun-free schools law does not apply. Last week I had the opportunity to testify before the VA General Assembly, in support of HB 1909, which passed the House with bipartisan support! The bill will permit school boards to deem property that it owns or leases as a gun-free zone. It still needs to pass the Senate, which will be harder. If you would like to support our effort, please call your state senator to express support for HB 1909.

Thank you,



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