



# ASHBURN-LANSDOWNE

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Greetings Ashburn and Lansdowne!

On Wednesday, I attended the weekly local leaders ZOOM meeting with the Governor's staff and Dr. Danny Avula who was appointed to lead the vaccination program statewide. He noted the challenges we faced last week with the weather and how that impacted the vaccination rate. However, he said we should see a significant ramp up in vaccinations starting next week as Virginia's allotment has increased and the Johnson & Johnson vaccine comes online. He cautioned us to expect an initial, large allotment of J&J vaccine but then a decrease for two weeks or so as production ramps up. He also stated he expects everyone in the 1a and 1b groups to be fully vaccinated by the end of April.

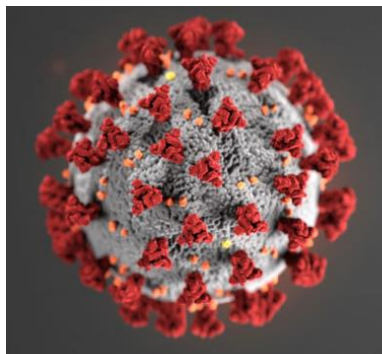
Migration of all registrations to the new state registration system should be completed by this Saturday, and you should be able to find your name in the database. Use this link to check: [vaccinate.virginia.gov/](https://vaccinate.virginia.gov/). If you are registered, there is no need to re-register, and you will be notified when an appointment becomes available.

At the request of a constituent, I have advised the Governor's staff that the old VAMS system required a unique email per registrant, i.e. multiple registrants couldn't use the same email address. They do not believe this is true within the new system, but if anyone encounters a problem, please let me know.

Thanks, everyone. Please be safe. WMD—Wash, Mask, Distance—are still our best weapons.

Mike Turner  
Ashburn District Supervisor

## Loudoun County COVID-19 Updates



- **Virginia Vaccine Update:** State officials report Virginia is currently receiving about 161,000 doses of vaccine a week from the federal government. Because approximately 50% of Virginia residents are now eligible to be vaccinated, the limited supply of vaccine means it will take weeks or longer to complete [Phase 1b](#) unless supply improves.
- **Statewide Pre-Registration System:** Data migration issues continue with the [new statewide pre-registration system](#), which is why some people who pre-registered for COVID-19 vaccine in Loudoun County do not see their information on the state site. Virginia Department of Health officials continue to work to resolve the issue.
  - The statewide system has received more than 518,000 pre-registrations since its launch on February 15. Including individuals who pre-registered through local health districts in the past, the new system now includes nearly 1.7 million residents and essential workers.
  - Loudoun County residents who need assistance in [pre-registering for vaccine](#) may call the county's COVID-19 information line, **703-737-8300**, which operates seven days a week, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. More information on vaccinations in Loudoun County is at [loudoun.gov/covid19vaccine](https://loudoun.gov/covid19vaccine)
- **COVID-19 Testing Events March 2 and 4:** Loudoun County's next COVID-19 testing events are scheduled for Tuesday, March 2 and Thursday, March 4, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at [Franklin Park 17501 Franklin Park Drive, Purcellville](#). More information, including links to registration forms you can fill out in advance, may be found at [loudoun.gov/covid19testing](https://loudoun.gov/covid19testing).
- **Health Director Answers Your Questions:** Loudoun County Health Department Director Dr. David Goodfriend answered questions about COVID-19 vaccine efforts during a live question-and-answer session on Facebook Wednesday evening. Topics included the Virginia statewide pre-registration system, the vaccine waitlist, who gets priority and the vaccine supply. In case you missed it, you can [watch it here](#).
- **NVRC COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard:** The Northern Virginia Regional Commission announced that they have released a regional [COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard](#). NVRC intends to update this dashboard daily with the total number of doses administered, the number of people who have received at least one dose and the number of people who have been fully vaccinated.

Read the Loudoun County COVID-19 Summary Report [here](#).

**From the Office of Governor Northam**

## **Governor Northam Increases Capacity Limits for Outdoor Sports and Entertainment Venues as COVID-19 Hospitalizations and Infection Rates Continue to Fall, Vaccinations Rise**



Governor Ralph Northam announced that as COVID-19 hospitalizations and infection rates continue to decline and vaccinations rise in Virginia, certain outdoor sports and entertainment venues may begin to operate at increased capacity starting Monday, March 1. He amended Executive Order Seventy-Two with the next steps of the "Forward Virginia" plan to safely and gradually ease public health restrictions while mitigating the spread of the virus.

"Thanks to the hard work and sacrifice of all Virginians, hospitalization and positivity rates across the Commonwealth are the lowest they have been in nearly three months," said Governor Northam. "As key health metrics show encouraging trends and we continue to ramp up our vaccination efforts, we can begin to gradually resume certain recreational activities and further reopen sectors of our economy. Even as we take steps to safely ease public health guidelines, we must all remain vigilant so we can maintain our progress—the more we stay home, mask up, and practice social distancing, the more lives we will save from this dangerous virus."

The Commonwealth will maintain a Safer at Home strategy with continued strict health and safety protocols including physical distancing, mask-wearing

requirements, gathering limits, and business capacity restrictions. The current modified Stay at Home order will expire on February 28, 2021.

Governor Northam is beginning to ease public health restrictions by taking steps to increase capacity limits in outdoor settings, where evidence shows the risk of airborne transmission of COVID-19 is lower. The key changes in the Third Amended Executive Order Seventy-Two include:

- **Social gatherings:** The maximum number of individuals permitted in a social gathering will increase from 10 to 25 people for outdoor settings, while remaining at 10 persons for indoor settings.
- **Entertainment venues:** Outdoor entertainment and public amusement venues will be able to operate with up to 1,000 individuals or at 30 percent capacity, whichever is lower. If current trends continue, these venues may be able to operate at 30 percent capacity with no cap on the number of people permitted to attend starting in April. Indoor entertainment and public amusement venues must continue to operate at 30 percent capacity with a cap of 250 people. All entertainment venues were previously limited to a maximum of 250 individuals.
- **Dining establishments:** The on-site sale, consumption, and possession of alcohol will be permitted until midnight, extended from 10:00 p.m. All restaurants, dining establishments, food courts, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, and tasting rooms still must be closed between midnight and 5:00 a.m.
- **Overnight summer camps:** As of May 1, overnight summer camps will be able to open with strict mitigation measures in place. Registration can begin now.

The new guidelines will be effective for at least one month and mitigation measures may be eased further if key health metrics continue to improve. Current guidelines for retail businesses, fitness and exercise, large amusement venues, and personal grooming services will remain in place. Individuals are strongly encouraged to continue teleworking if possible.

The full text of Third Amended Executive Order Seventy-Two and Order of Public Health Emergency Nine is available [here](#). Updated guidelines for specific sectors can be found [here](#).

Last week, Governor Northam [amended](#) Executive Order Seventy-Two to increase the number of spectators permitted at outdoor youth sporting events to 250.

Visit [virginia.gov/coronavirus/forwardvirginia](https://virginia.gov/coronavirus/forwardvirginia) for more information and answers to frequently asked questions.



|                                   | NOW                                                                                                                                         | MARCH 1                                                                                                                                |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| NON-ESSENTIAL RETAIL              | ● Open                                                                                                                                      | ● Open                                                                                                                                 |
| RESTAURANTS AND BEVERAGE SERVICES | ● Open                                                                                                                                      | ● Open                                                                                                                                 |
| ENTERTAINMENT VENUES              | ● Open at 30 percent capacity or 250 persons                                                                                                | ● Indoors: Open at 30 percent capacity or 250 persons<br>Outdoors: Open at 30 percent capacity or 1,000 persons                        |
| FITNESS AND EXERCISE              | ● Open at 75 percent capacity                                                                                                               | ● Open with 75 percent capacity                                                                                                        |
| RECREATIONAL SPORTS               | ● Indoors: Open at 30 percent capacity or 25 spectators per field<br>Outdoors: Open at 30 percent capacity or 2 spectators per participants | ● Indoors: Open at 30 percent capacity or 25 spectators per field<br>Outdoors: Open at 30 percent capacity or 250 spectators per field |
| GATHERINGS                        | ● 10-person limit                                                                                                                           | ● Indoors: 10-person limit<br>Outdoors: 25-person limit                                                                                |
| CHILDCARE                         | ● Open                                                                                                                                      | ● Open                                                                                                                                 |
| PLACES OF WORSHIP                 | ● Open                                                                                                                                      | ● Open                                                                                                                                 |
| PERSONAL GROOMING                 | ● Open                                                                                                                                      | ● Open                                                                                                                                 |
| PRIVATE CAMPGROUNDS               | ● Open                                                                                                                                      | ● Open                                                                                                                                 |
| OVERNIGHT SUMMER CAMPS            | ● Closed                                                                                                                                    | ● Open May 1 with mitigation measures                                                                                                  |
| LARGE AMUSEMENT VENUES            | ● Open at 50 percent capacity (outdoor only)                                                                                                | ● Open at 50 percent capacity (outdoor only)                                                                                           |

## Loudoun County News

### Loudoun County Financing Opportunity for First-Time Homebuyers Available

Loudoun County continues to accept applications from first-time homebuyers for funds made available through the Virginia Housing (VH) Sponsoring Partnerships and Revitalizing Communities Program (SPARC). The program provides lower interest rates on homeownership loans in the county.



To qualify for the program, the prospective homebuyer must meet the following criteria:

- Have an annual household income between 70%-100% of the Area Median Income (AMI) for a household size of four. Currently, income must fall between \$88,200 and \$126,000;
- Be a first-time homebuyer, which is defined as someone having had no ownership interest in real property in the past three years;

- Currently live and/or work in Loudoun County for a minimum of six months immediately prior to submission of the application;
- Purchase a new or existing home for \$525,000 or less located in Loudoun County; and
- Receive a mortgage loan from a VH-approved lender participating in a VH mortgage loan program.

Homebuyers do not have to participate in Loudoun County's homeownership programs, such as the Affordable Dwelling Unit Program, to participate in the SPARC program. Program participation is subject to availability and approval. For full program information and eligibility requirements, visit [loudoun.gov/HomeLoanPrograms](http://loudoun.gov/HomeLoanPrograms) or contact Hannah Choi by [email](mailto:hchoi@loudoun.gov) or **703-777-0353**.

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## **Loudoun Fire Chief Keith H. Johnson Appointed President of Virginia Fire Chief's Association**

The Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System (LC-CFRS) is honored to announce the appointment of Chief Keith H. Johnson to President of the Virginia Fire Chief's Association (VFCA). The mission of the VFCA is to serve the communities of Virginia through its fire service leaders and advance the Fire & Rescue service through leadership, education, and advocacy. The VFCA brings Virginia fire service leaders from across the Commonwealth together to:



- Exchange ideas, information, knowledge, and experiences affecting the safety of life and property from fires.
- Develop and deliver public education programs focused on fire prevention and life safety.
- Cooperate with all organizations in the promotion of the goals and objectives of the fire service to include statewide legislation.
- Support and encourage the delivery of pre-hospital emergency medical services by the fire service.

Chief Johnson is a fourth-generation firefighter who began his fire service career in 1982 as a Volunteer with the North Merrick Volunteer Fire Department in Long Island, New York. After retiring from an impressive career with the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department in 2014, Chief Johnson was hired as the Assistant Chief of Operations for the Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System. In May of 2018, Chief Johnson was promoted to System Chief, where he continues to lead and oversee the 1,300 members of the LC-CFRS. In addition to his role as the President of the VFCA, he serves as Vice Chair of the Governor's appointed Fire Services Board and is a board member of the Governors appointed Virginia's Board of Housing and Community Development.

Johnson will continue to advocate legislation to benefit career employees, volunteers, and, most importantly, the civilians that we serve. "My road to this personal accomplishment has been built with dedication, passion, personal commitment, and a lifelong journey of learning," said Johnson. "As president, I remind all fire and EMS leaders in the Commonwealth of Virginia that the VFCA is a vital resource that will allow us to work as a team to tackle challenges we face in our own communities."

Annually, fire and EMS stakeholder organizations from across the Commonwealth of Virginia meet to discuss not only their specific legislative needs, but the key issues concerning the organizations and the fire service as a whole. These legislative topics vary from the inclusion of automatic residential fire sprinklers to the Virginia Uniformed State-wide Building Code to Establishing Workers' Compensation Benefits for COVID-19. For more information about the VFCA, visit <https://vfca.us>.

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## Teen Artists Sought for Virtual Concert Event

The Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) is seeking local teen artists to perform at a live, virtual concert Saturday, May 8, 2021. PRCS is hosting the event to provide an opportunity for bands and soloists to experience playing on a professional platform in a safe, socially distanced environment. The performances will be livestreamed on the [Franklin Park Arts Center's YouTube channel](#).





To foster a concert-like experience for the artists and virtual audience, the number of acts will be limited to 20. Event restrictions will be in place, in accordance with the [Forward Virginia COVID-19 guidelines](#), and no audience members will be allowed on-site.

Acts will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. More details about the event and how to register are available [online](#). Registration closes at 5 p.m. March 16, 2021. For additional information, email [yac@loudoun.gov](mailto:yac@loudoun.gov).

## Transit Updates

### Metro Request Public Input on Metro's Fiscal Year 2022 Budget

Metro is facing a significant budget shortfall due to a decrease in ridership caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. A second relief package from Congress in December 2020 allowed Metro to avoid layoffs, continue providing essential travel service and prepare for transit ridership to return. However, even with the additional funding there is not enough money to fill the entire budget gap for the fiscal year that begins July 1, 2021.

Metro is working with our Congressional delegation to secure additional funding to continue providing service as the region comes back to work. But service cuts remain a looming threat, and Metro must plan accordingly.

Metro's budget for Fiscal Year 2022 (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022) is under consideration now, and Metro is requesting your feedback. Metro's Board of Directors and management will consider your feedback when making difficult decisions this spring.

[Take the survey and submit written comments here](#) or call toll-free **844-468-5748** and provide your feedback.

Because of the ongoing pandemic, Metro will be hosting all Public Hearings virtually. To provide oral testimony at a hearing, participants must call toll-free **512-580-8850** and enter the four-digit meeting code for the Public Hearing you'd like to attend. Public Hearing schedule and four digit meeting codes can be found [here](#).

**View Metro's Proposed FY22 changes**



[Proposed VA bus changes](#) | [Proposed DC bus changes](#) | [Proposed MD bus changes](#) | [Proposed rail changes](#) | [Proposed parking changes](#)

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## Loudoun Seeks Public Input on Proposed Bus Routes to Metrorail Silver Line Stations

Members of the public have an opportunity to shape future routes and schedules for Loudoun County Transit's Metro Connection Bus service. The county is seeking feedback on 10 proposed new and modified routes that will provide service to and from Metrorail Silver Line stations in Loudoun County through an online public information meeting and

comment period. All responses to the proposed routes will be taken into consideration before final decisions are made on the routes and schedules.



### View Proposed Bus Routes

[Proposed Routes North of Dulle Greenway](#)

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[Proposed Routes South of Dulles Greenway](#)

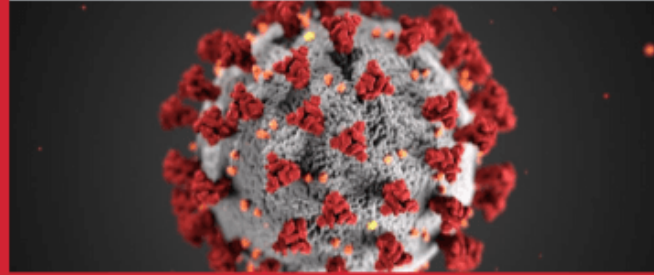
Comments from the public regarding the proposed Silver Line Bus Routes may be submitted using the online form at [loudoun.gov/silverlinebusroutes](https://loudoun.gov/silverlinebusroutes), by email or postal mail. All comments received by March 26, 2021, will be included in the process to finalize the route.

The proposed Metro Connection Bus Routes to Metrorail Silver Line stations will go into effect when the Ashburn and Loudoun Gateway Metrorail Stations open in Loudoun County, currently estimated for summer 2021.

The Loudoun County Metro Connection Bus provides morning and afternoon rush hour service from Loudoun County neighborhoods and park and ride lots to Metrorail stations. More information about all Loudoun County Transit bus services is online at [loudoun.gov/transit](https://loudoun.gov/transit).

**COVID19 Information**

## Coronavirus (COVID-19) Preparedness



Stay informed about COVID19:

- [Maps & GIS Resources Relevant to the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- [Virtual COVID19 Symptom Checker](#)
- [Steps to Slow the Spread of COVID-19](#)
- [Recent Executive Orders from Virginia Governor Ralph Northam](#)
- [View all Covid19 updates from Loudoun County](#)
- [Information about COVID-19 and LCPS operations](#)
- [Sign up for updates in Notify Me, Blogs category](#)
- [CDC Guidance on COVID19](#)
- [How to help community organizations responding to COVID-19](#)
- [COVID-19 Limited Rent Assistance](#)

## Resources

### Traffic Information

511 offers real-time traffic info. Anytime you need it, anywhere you are.



#### VDOT 511

511 provides users with real-time, accurate traffic information from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) about road conditions, traffic congestion, and highway construction anywhere you are, anytime you need it.



Building Permits  
and Land Development Applications

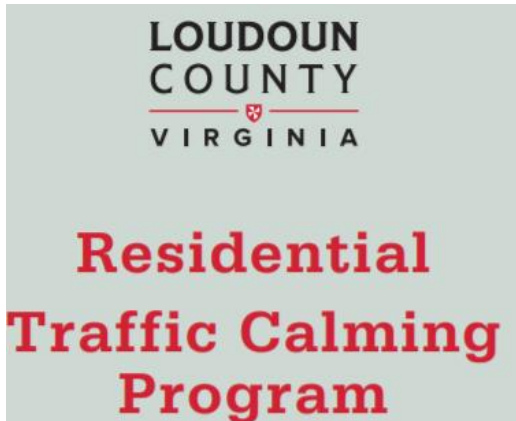
[loudoun.gov/bdapplyonline](http://loudoun.gov/bdapplyonline)

#### Online Process for Building Permits, Land Development Applications

Homeowners and residential contractors can submit their completed application form and supporting documentation, including drawings and plats, in PDF format for most residential construction

More information on VDOT 511 can be found [here](#).

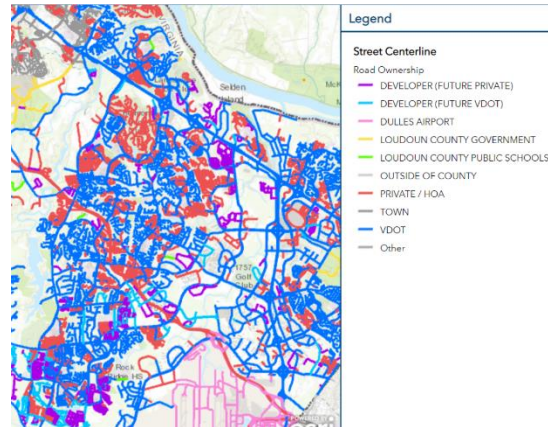
projects to the Department of Building and Development online. More information about the online submission process and requirements is available [here](#).



#### Residential Traffic Calming Guide

Loudoun County's Department of Transportation and Capital Infrastructure (DTCI) manages an eight-phase process to address traffic calming, which considers residents' concerns regarding speeding, safety and overall quality of life on publicly-maintained residential streets.

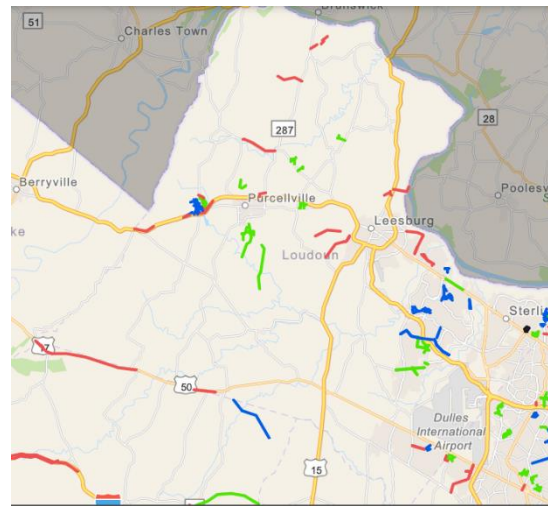
Learn more [here](#).



#### Who Maintains my Street?

To identify which entity responsible for maintaining your road/street, Loudoun County made an online color coded mapping system which helps residents determine who to contact when work needs to be done.

View this map [here](#).



#### Paving Schedule

### Report a road problem

VDOT created an easy to use online form to report unsafe and hazardous road conditions. Similarly, work requests for state-maintained roads can also be made [here](#).

VDOT reports what roads will be paved during the fiscal year and updates their website with progress updates.

Find VDOT's Paving Schedule [here](#).

## Was this Newsletter forwarded to you?

If this email was forwarded to you and you would like to receive news and updates from Ashburn Supervisor Mike Turner, [Sign Up for the Ashburn-Lansdowne Flyer here!](#)

## Contact my Office

Because your voice plays such a vital role in the decision-making process, a critical role for me as your county representative is to provide you with the necessary facts to keep you informed about any and all issues affecting you or your family's quality of life. Please don't hesitate to contact me directly or my staff.

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