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Dear Neighbors,

Great news! Loudoun County has exhausted the waitlist for COVID-19 vaccine and now residents can directly schedule their appointments. Please visit

<https://www.loudoun.gov/covid19vaccine>.

The county continues to operate the site at the Dulles Town Center, but has also partnered with community organizations to bring the vaccine to those who can't make it to the mall. Schools are now back for hybrid learners four days a week and I am optimistic about the trends in our infection and hospitalization rates. However, in order to crush this pandemic and any new variants, please continue to adhere to CDC guidelines for masks, washing hands and social distancing.

As I mentioned in my last newsletter, the county passed the budget with an additional \$810,000 added to eliminate school athletic fees based on my initiative during our budget work sessions. The School Board completed its budget reconciliation this week and decided to use those funds to eliminate fees for up to

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four Advanced Placement tests for Loudoun students. While I would have preferred the funds be used for their intended purpose, I am glad the School Board decided to eliminate fees that also disproportionately impact students in the same way as the athletic fees. After speaking with several of my colleagues on the School Board, I am confident that athletic fees, which were already cut by half this year, and additional fees that create inequities for students based on their ability to pay rather than their ability to perform, will be eliminated next year.



This week, Loudoun County began enforcement of the new gun ordinance initiated by my office. Firearms are now prohibited in county buildings, spaces used for county purposes whether owned or not, and parks. I am proud to have brought this initiative to the board and will continue to work for gunsense propositions in the future. Gun violence is a national epidemic and must be addressed. [Learn more here.](https://loudoun.gov/firearmsordinance)



In honor of Earth Day this month, I participated in cleanup and trail work along the Potomac Watershed with the Cascades Community Association and along the Sugarland Run trail with the Sugarland Run community. The Sugarland effort was led by my appointment to the Algonkian seat of the Parks, Recreation & Open Space Board, Jimmy O'Connor. Our community is so lucky to have volunteers like Jimmy who work tirelessly to plan and preserve our outdoor spaces. Last Saturday, the volunteers built two bridges along the Sugarland Run

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trail and I was honored to take the inaugural walk across
one of them.



*Algonkian PROS Board appointee Jimmy O'Connor instructs volunteers at the
Sugarland Run trail cleanup.*

BOS Meetings

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

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

If you haven't already, please follow my office on
[Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) and share images and positive
stories to include on our social media.

Happy Spring,

Juli

Next Town Hall is May!

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



Virtual
Town
Hall

TOPIC

VIRGINIA GENERAL
ASSEMBLY

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TIME

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 7:00-8:30 PM

Join Supervisor Briskman and the Loudoun
delegation to the General Assembly as they
discuss the recent state legislative session
and its impact on Loudoun, including the
Greenway bills, school funding, and more.
The event will be livestreamed on Supervisor
Briskman's Facebook page. All questions can
be submitted in advance to
Zachary.Harris@loudoun.gov.

and knowledge tests and much more.

Check the DMV2Go [calendar](#) for 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](#).

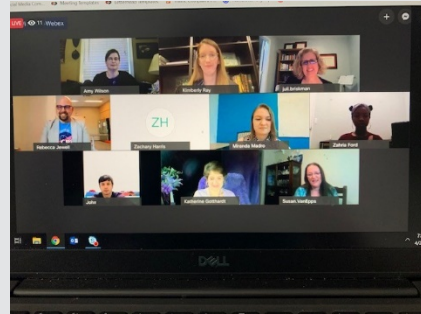
[Virginia Coronavirus Fraud Task Force](#)

Eastern Virginia Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator,

Poetry Month Town Hall

It was my great pleasure to host a town hall in honor of National Poetry Month with the Loudoun County

Public Library featuring the 2020 Rhyme On winners Kimberly Ray, John Rowley (all the way from China!), Katherine Gotthardt, and Amy Wilson. An eBook of the winning entries can be viewed [here](#).



We were also honored to hear Zahria's Ford's award winning poem, "Colors." Ford, a sophomore at Rock Ridge High School, won the Strong Men & Women in Virginia writing contest for the Northern Virginia region.

A recording of the town hall can be accessed using [this link](#).



EPA Seeking Input on Hidden Lane

The EPA is taking public comment on its [proposed Hidden Lane cleanup plan](#) until May 12, 2021 via email, voicemail, or mail.

Once county staff are in receipt of the proposed plan, we intend to send it to the County's longstanding technical consultant on Hidden Lane landfill project, Dr. Mark Widdowson for review and comment. The county then plans to provide comments by the May 12 deadline.

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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.

You can watch a recorded presentation of the
proposed clean up plan [here](#). You can also find the EPA
contacts [here](#).



County Seeking Input for LPAT System

Help guide the development of the county's Linear
Parks and Trails system! County residents are invited to
[take the second LPAT survey](#) now! The deadline is May
20.



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NEWS

Public Input for Inventory of Confederate, Segregationist Symbols

The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors has initiated a review of Confederate and segregationist symbols in Loudoun County. Members of the public are invited to participate in an informational inventory of roads, buildings, signs and other public infrastructure that memorialize Confederate and segregationist figures or history in Loudoun County by submitting such sites through a new online mapping tool.

A multi-departmental team, including staff from the Departments of Planning and Zoning and Transportation and Capital Infrastructure and the Office of Mapping and Geographic Information, is working to provide comprehensive information to the Board, which will consider these items and their history.

An online map and survey has been developed through which the public can submit information about items potentially named after or memorializing Confederate or segregationist figures, symbols and slogans in Loudoun County. The online map will be open for public submissions until April 30, and the inventory is scheduled to be presented to the Board of Supervisors by June 2021.



AGT Winner to Sing at State of the County

I'm proud to announce that Algonkian's Got Talent solo vocalist winner, Caroline Taylor, will sing the National Anthem at this year's State of the County address!

Join Chair Phyllis Randall as she delivers the annual State of the County Address, which will be broadcast live at <https://www.loudoun.gov/meetings>.

Personal Property Tax Deadline



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Wednesday, May 5

Extended hours at both office locations
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 4 and Wednesday, May 5

For payment options, visit:
loudoun.gov/taxes

Treasurer's Office: 703-777-0280
Email: taxes@loudoun.gov

County Personal Property tax payments received or postmarked after May 5, 2021, will incur a 10% late payment penalty. Options for payment:

- Online: www.loudounportal.com/taxes
- Through a mobile device: Link2Loudoun app is available for free from the iPhone App Store and the Google Play Store. The app allows access to www.loudounportal.com/taxes to pay your taxes.
- By telephone: 1-800-269-5971 may be called 24 hours a day. During regular business hours, call 703-777-0280. Please have your account number and credit card number ready.
- By mail: County of Loudoun, P.O. Box 1000, Leesburg, Virginia 20177-1000
- In person: Treasurer's Office Locations:

- 1 Harrison Street SE, first floor, Leesburg
- 21641 Ridgetop Circle, Suite 104, Sterling



Fare collection resumes
Monday, May 3, 2021

- Local Fixed Route Bus
- Metro Connection Bus
- Premium Commuter Bus

loudoun.gov/buschanges

Loudoun County Transit resumes fare collection on all bus routes on Monday, May 3 which have been waived since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In preparation for this service change, riders should review the fares for their trips at loudoun.gov/transit. SmarTrip cards and/or cash will be accepted for all Commuter Bus, Metro Connection Bus and Local Bus routes. Riders of the Route 40 Purcellville Connector will still use cash only or the Virginia Regional Transit (VRT) punch pass.

Loudoun County Transit continues to follow the guidance of local, state and national health authorities to reduce the risk of COVID-19 exposure on transit buses. Operational changes include face covering and physical distancing requirements as well as more frequent bus cleanings. More information about requirements for riders and new cleaning procedures is provided at loudoun.gov/COVID19transit.



Here's What's Happening with Traffic Around Algonkian

VDOT has provided updates to several transportation projects throughout Algonkian:

Riverside Parkway

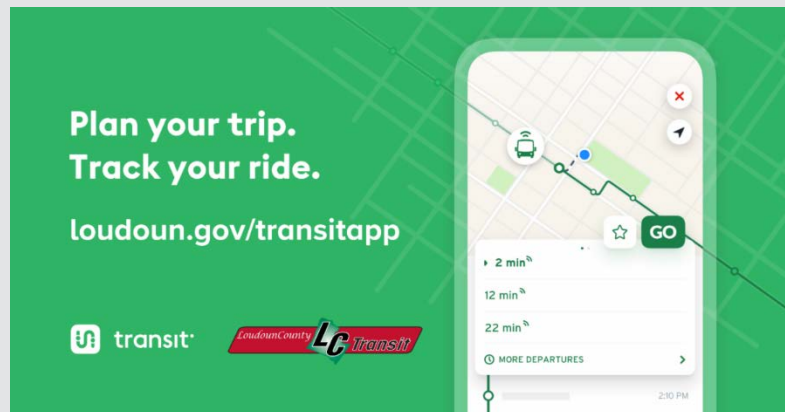
- Construction continues with conversion of the four sediment basins into the final SWM Pond configurations. Also, crews are working on the installation of storm drainage pipes, the underdrain, sidewalks, and grading.
- Loudoun County is asking all pedestrians to not walk in or around the construction site. Signs are posted around the construction site for your safety.
- Our office has received several complaints regarding the removal of trees on Smith Circle. We are looking into this issue and contacted county staff earlier this week. Stay tuned for additional information.

Algonkian Parkway and Lowes Island Boulevard Intersection Improvements

- A design plan has been submitted to Loudoun Building and Development and VDOT.

George Washington Boulevard Overpass

- Review of the proposed contract continues and the project remains on schedule to accept bidding in June 2021.
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Loudoun Launches New Transit App

Loudoun County Transit has launched a new mobile app called “Transit.” Loudoun County will provide all updates regarding any impacts to bus service through the Transit app. The app replaces the county’s previous text service—LC Alerts and SV Alerts—which has been discontinued. Loudoun County encourages all subscribers to the former service alerts to download the Transit app to continue receiving accurate, real-time service updates from Loudoun County transit.

Upon launching the app, Loudoun County Transit riders will see nearby options and departure times for local, commuter and Metro connection bus services. App users will have the ability to receive important service alerts and breaking news information directly on the Transit app’s home screen. Users of the app can customize how they receive service alerts through their mobile phone’s notifications by signing up for push notifications for specific routes. Helpful features of the Transit app will allow users to:

- Check Nearby Departures.
- Track Their Ride.
- Plan a Trip.
- Get Step-by-Step Directions.
- Identify Favorite Bus Routes.
- Connect with the Regional Transit Network.

The Transit app is available for free download to iPhone and Android phones. For instructions on downloading

the app, frequently asked questions and to learn about the App's functionality, visit loudoun.gov/transitapp.



Planning Commissioner Update

A proposal is being considered to convert two of the natural grass fields at Potomack Lakes Sportsplex to artificial turf, add fencing for the fields, covered bleachers and parking spaces. The sportsplex is located off of Cascades Parkway, adjacent to Algonkian Regional Park. The photo above shows what the converted fields, fencing and bleachers could look like!

You can leave a comment on this proposal at <https://www.loudoun.gov/3362/LOLA> or reach out to me, Jane Kirchner, with your questions or comments at Jane.Kirchner@loudoun.gov.

I am also reviewing preliminary proposals for stacked, multi-family housing units to be built in an area of the Cascades Marketplace near Route 7 and the Cascades Parkway ramp.



NOVA Housing Expo May 8

Ready to sign your first lease? Before you do, check out a free virtual webinar at the Northern Virginia Housing Expo on Saturday, May 8 at 11:00 a.m. Topics covered include finding a place you can afford, what you need to ask yourself before you look, how to figure out what you can afford, and much more! Register to join live at novahousingexpo.org or watch at your convenience on the organization's [Facebook page](#) after 2:00 p.m..



Master Gardener Association Spring Plant Sale

The Master Gardeners are selling 12 varieties of tomatoes, nine varieties of peppers, basil, parsley, rosemary, and thyme. Plants will be sold only online until

May 6 (or when quantities run out). All orders must be picked up on Saturday, May 8 between 10am and 2 pm at 750 SE Miller Drive, Leesburg, VA 20176. All plants are in 3½" pots at \$4.00 each. For a description of each vegetable and herb variety see [2021-Plant-Sale-Catalog.pdf](#).

To place your order for vegetables, herbs, cannas and gardening merchandise with a credit card or PayPal, [click here](#).



County Debuts Livestreamed Concert

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services will host a live, virtual concert on May 8 to provide an opportunity for local middle and high school teens to experience playing on a professional platform. The event will be livestreamed from the Franklin Park Performing and Visual Arts Center in Purcellville and available for viewing on the center's [YouTube channel](#).

Event safety and mitigation measures will be in place in accordance with the [Forward Virginia](#) COVID-19 guidelines, and no audience members will be allowed in the center. Performances will begin at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$3 per person. Event and ticket information is available at www.loudoun.gov/teens.



Assistive Technology Webinar

Join the Loudoun Area Agency on Aging as Debbie Jones of the Northern Virginia Resource Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons (NVRC.org) discuss and demonstrate assistive technology devices.

Examples of assistive devices and technologies include:

- Amplified telephones, captioned telephones, and videophones for the home
- Apps to bring those functions to our smartphones
- Doorbells that flash lights or send signals to our hand-held devices
- Alarm clocks that shake the bed
- Listening systems and captioning devices in movie theaters
- Live captioning and remote interpreting services in classrooms and meeting rooms

Time for Q&A will follow the presentation and demonstration. To register for this free webinar, please send an email to: aaasupport@loudoun.gov

COVID-19 Update

COVID19 NUMBERS

 Positive Cases  Hospitalizations  Deaths  Total Shots

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658,341



28,351



10,751



6,093,967

LOUDOUN



27,259



1,033



274



292,654

State and Local COVID-19 Trends

According to Loudoun's April 28 COVID-19 Summary Report, the County's seven-day test positivity rate is 6.2 percent (unchanged since last report). At the state level, Virginia has experienced a decrease in its seven-day moving average of cases since April 22 where it stood at 946. More information about COVID-19 from the Virginia Department of Health can be accessed [here](#).

According to LCPS's case data, total number of cases per 100,000 people has lowered to the "substantial risk" level while the test positivity rate has declined to a state of "moderate risk." You can access COVID-19 data from LCPS by clicking [here](#).

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



COVID-19 Vaccine Online Self-Scheduling Now Open to Loudoun Residents, No Pre-Registration Required

Beginning today, individuals 16 and over can directly schedule an appointment online to receive a free COVID-19 vaccine at the Loudoun County Health Department vaccination clinic located at Dulles Town Center in Sterling.

The Health Department encourages all unvaccinated people age 16 and older who live or work in the county to schedule an appointment as soon as possible by visiting loudoun.gov/covid19vaccine. The website includes a link to the online form where individuals can request an account to schedule an appointment. An email address or cell phone number may only be used once to create an account. If an email address or cell phone number was used during the pre-registration phase, that contact information cannot be used again. After completing the form, individuals will automatically receive an email or text message from the CDC with a link to create an account in the Vaccine Administration Management System (VAMS) and schedule an appointment at the Loudoun County Health Department vaccination clinic. With this change, individuals no longer need to pre-register.

Anyone who needs assistance scheduling an appointment, including individuals who do not have

internet access, can contact the Health Department at 703-737-8300, Monday-Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

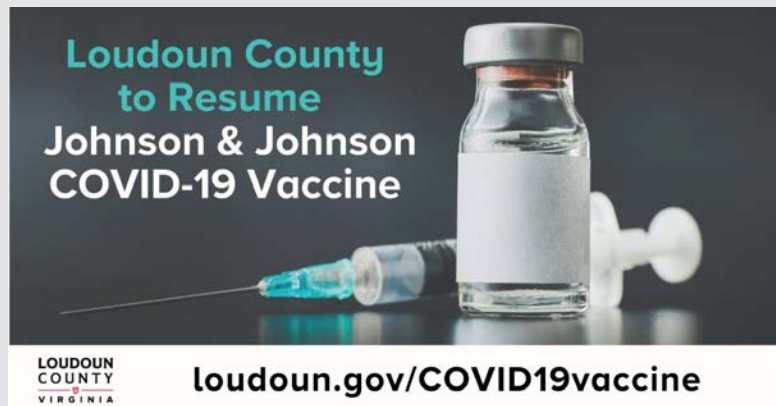
For more information about the county's vaccination operations and to schedule your first-dose vaccine appointment, please visit our COVID-19 vaccine webpage, loudoun.gov/covid19vaccine.



Assistance for Those Impacted By Pandemic

While COVID-19 vaccines are bringing hope for the future, the pandemic's economic impact continues to affect Loudoun County residents. If you or someone you know has been economically affected, Loudoun's Information and Referral Program can connect you with a variety of services such as food resources, employment services, housing and homeless services, utility assistance and child care assistance.

Contact an Information and Referral Line specialist at 703-777-0420 or online, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. After hours and on the weekend, complete an online form or send an email and a specialist will respond the next business day.



Loudoun to Use of J&J Again

The Loudoun County Health Department will resume using the single-dose Johnson and Johnson (J&J) COVID-19 vaccine following a joint announcement by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Food and Drug Administration (FDA) indicating the pause in the use of the J&J vaccine should be lifted. Loudoun County's next scheduled clinic that will use J&J COVID-19 vaccine is on this Saturday.

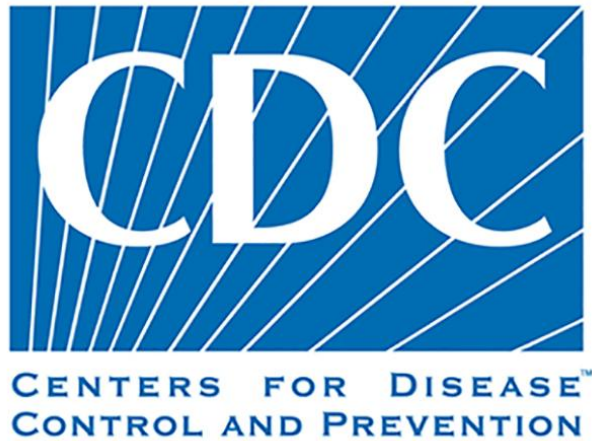
CDC and FDA Investigation

More than 6.8 million people in the U.S. have received the J&J vaccine. The recommendation to resume the use of J&J vaccine follows meetings of the Advisory Committee of Immunization Practices (ACIP), which carefully investigated a total of 15 cases of a rare blood clot disorder among women age 18-59 who experienced symptoms between 6 and 15 days after receiving the J&J vaccine. Based on the results of the ACIP investigation and evaluation of the known issue by medical experts, the CDC and FDA have determined the following:

- Use of the J&J COVID-19 vaccine should be resumed in the United States.
- The FDA and CDC have confidence that this vaccine is safe and effective in preventing COVID-19.
- The FDA has determined that the available data show that the vaccine's known and potential benefits outweigh its known and

potential risks in individuals 18 years of age and older.

- At this time, the available data suggest that the chance of thrombosis-thrombocytopenia syndrome occurring is very low, but the FDA and CDC will remain vigilant in continuing to investigate this risk.
- Health care providers administering the vaccine and vaccine recipients or caregivers should review the J&J COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers Administering Vaccine (Vaccination Providers) and Fact Sheet for Recipients and Caregivers, which have been revised to include information about the risk of this syndrome, which has occurred in a very small number of people who have received the J&J vaccine.



CDC Updates Guidance

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued updated guidance for fully vaccinated individuals, some of the updates include:

- Fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear a mask outdoors, except in certain crowded settings and venues.

- Guiding principles for fully vaccinated people are now provided.
- Clarification that fully vaccinated workers no longer need to be restricted from work following an exposure as long as they are asymptomatic.
- Fully vaccinated asymptomatic people without an exposure may be exempted from routine screening testing, if feasible.
- Read the full updated guidance. | Choosing Safe Activities Guide (PDF)

COVID-19 TESTING

**Multiple
Locations**

May 2021

Tuesdays

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Drive-thru only. Free & open to everyone.

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loudoun.gov/COVID19testing

Loudoun County Schedules Free COVID-19 Testing Events through May

Loudoun County will continue to hold free, drive thru COVID-19 testing events through May. The events are scheduled for Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., at the following locations:

- May 4: Franklin Park, 17501 Franklin Park Drive, Purcellville
- May 11: Philip A. Bolen Memorial Park, 42405 Claudia Drive, Leesburg (Enter the park on Crosstrail Boulevard from Sycolin Road.)
- May 18: Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls (Access the testing location in the back parking lot, near the senior center.)

- May 25: Dulles South Recreation & Community Center, 24950 Riding Center Drive, South Riding

Registration Form

To help reduce wait times, people who plan to attend the testing events are strongly encouraged to complete a registration form 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.

- Registration Form: [English \(PDF\)](#) | [Spanish \(PDF\)](#)



VDH Launches Variants Dashboard

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH), in collaboration with the Department of General Services' (DGS) Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services (state public health lab), launched a COVID-19 Variants of Concern dashboard. The dashboard includes variants of concern received from participating laboratories for specimens that tested positive for COVID-19 since the beginning of the pandemic. Variants of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, are concerning as they may increase the risk to human health. The variants may:

- Spread more easily
- Cause more severe illness
- Escape the immune protection provided by available COVID-19 vaccines or by

natural infection with the virus that causes COVID-19

- Make viral tests less accurate
- Make some treatments less effective

With the threat of these new variant strains spreading, it is important now, more than ever, to wear a mask correctly over your mouth and nose, stay at least six feet from others, avoid crowds, wash your hands often, and get vaccinated for COVID-19. Taking part in all of these public health recommendations for stopping the spread of COVID-19 will work for all COVID-19 variants. The best way to stop variant strains from developing in the first place is to stop the spread of the virus. The dashboard will be updated once a week and available on the [VDH website](#).



Governor's Update

Governor Ralph Northam announced that sports and entertainment venues in Virginia may begin to operate with expanded capacity, and social gathering limits will increase beginning Saturday, May 15th. The announcement comes as vaccinations continue to rise in the Commonwealth, and more than half of all adults have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. All Virginians age 16 and older are now eligible to for the vaccine. Governor Northam made the announcement in a [new video message](#).

The Commonwealth will continue to mandate mask-wearing and social distancing, even as commercial restrictions are further eased. Key changes in the Sixth Amended Executive Order Seventy-Two will include:

- Social gatherings: The maximum number of individuals permitted in a social gathering will increase to 100 people for indoor settings and 250 people for outdoor settings. Social gatherings are currently limited to 50 people indoors and 100 people outdoors.
- Entertainment venues: Indoor entertainment and public amusement venues will be able to operate at 50 percent capacity or 1,000 people, up from 30 percent capacity or 500 people. Outdoor venues will be able to operate at 50 percent capacity—up from 30 percent—with no specific cap on the number of attendees.
- Recreational sporting events: The number of spectators allowed at indoor recreational sporting events will increase from 100 to 250 spectators or 50 percent capacity, whichever is less. Outdoor recreational sporting events will increase from 500 to 1,000 people or 50 percent capacity, whichever is less.
- Alcohol sales: Restaurants may return to selling alcohol after midnight, and dining room closures will no longer be required between midnight and 5:00 a.m.

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

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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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