



## August 2021

Welcome to the August 2021 edition of the Dulles Direct newsletter. With the rise of the Delta COVID-19 variant, it wasn't quite the summer I think everyone was hoping for, but I trust that many of you were able to relax and enjoy some time with family and friends.

I'd like to wish all of our students, parents, teachers, and staff a happy and healthy school year. This is once again a school year in most unusual times, but I'm very glad that our students are back in the classroom. School decisions are under the purview of the School Board, and I have no doubt they will face many challenges this year. But I encourage us all to do our part to try to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and keep kids in the classroom as much as possible this year. I'd like to join Sheriff Mike Chapman, whose department released this [video](#), to remind drivers to slow down and be smart in neighborhoods.

As I noted last month, the Board of Supervisors takes a break from our regular Business Meetings and Public Hearings in August. Our Dulles District team has been staying busy with several major land use cases, discussion on some of our most important transportation projects, and many other issues. It'll be back to regular business for the Board in September, and we have some big projects coming up - finalization of the collective bargaining ordinance,

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complete release of U.S. Census data and the start of the redistricting process, and much more.

On a personal note, this summer hasn't gone as smoothly for me as I'd hoped either. I had surgery at the end of July on my "good" eye to try to correct the alignment of my eyes. There has been some success on that front - the double vision is better, and if you've seen me around the last few weeks you'll know that I'm no longer wearing the "pirate" patch. However, I've also been experiencing some very bad and unexpected side effects post-surgery similar to what is called binocular vision dysfunction. Essentially, the two eyes aren't working together correctly, and the combination of some continued misalignment, focus problems in the injured eye (it doesn't focus), and other issues are leading to me feeling quite sick when I'm active - sort of like motion sickness that doesn't end quickly and isn't necessarily tied to traveling in a car. I've had to ramp down my activities for the time being and stay close to home while we work with my doctors to try to get this problem figured out. They've told me it can be very tricky to get under control. It is possible that prescription glasses in the future may help, but I have to wait until the eye that was operated on is done healing, which will be another month or so. In the meantime, I'm just taking it day by day. I've been able to continue working from home, and I've had many County-related meetings. I plan on resuming in-person activities to the extent I am able when the Board comes back in September, but it is possible that I may need to do more things remotely in the short term.

## COVID-19 UPDATE

### Latest Numbers and Updates

According to the official numbers released today by the Virginia Department of Health, there have been

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30,311 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Loudoun County. 285 individuals have died from the virus in Loudoun. Virginia now has 766,435 confirmed cases with 11,842 deaths. You can see these numbers yourself at the Loudoun County COVID-19 [GeoHub](#).

Health officials report that over the past month, the number of new COVID-19 cases has increased significantly in Loudoun County, in Virginia, and throughout the United States, fueled by the coronavirus Delta variant. Loudoun's percent positivity rate has increased from less than 1% to 5.8%, landing Loudoun on the list of localities with "high community transmission" according to the CDC. The vast majority of newly infected people are unvaccinated and includes individuals in all age groups. Governor Northam's indoor mask recommendation is still in place for all individuals, regardless of vaccination status.

The majority of new COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations in Northern Virginia and the United States in general are now the Delta variant, which is highly contagious. It is crucial that everyone follow proper mitigation practices, especially if you haven't received a vaccine or are around those with immune system issues. In addition to vaccination, the Health Department recommends everyone wear a mask in indoor public settings and practice prevention measures that include staying 6 feet away from people who do not live in your household; covering your coughs and sneezes; washing your hands frequently; staying home when sick; avoiding contact with sick people; knowing the signs and symptoms of COVID-19; and getting tested if you're symptomatic or if potentially exposed to COVID-19, regardless of your vaccination status.

I'll be blunt - the Delta variant is no joke. So far, our hospitalization numbers are still looking pretty good, largely because we have one of the highest percentage of vaccinated people anywhere. But the number of cases is rapidly rising, and children under

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12 are not vaccinated yet. All of us, including those of us who are vaccinated, can carry and transmit COVID-19 to our unvaccinated kids. Masks aren't perfect, but there are plenty of studies that show they can help slow community transmission. I started wearing mine again while indoors in public places, and I encourage others to do so as well. I also am fully supportive of the decision to require students to wear masks and take other precautions in schools, precisely because I want schools to remain in person this year. I know it isn't perfect prevention, and there will be COVID-19 cases in schools, but the doctors I've spoken with believe it will help. Children often take their cues from parents, so if things aren't a big deal for us, they won't be a big deal for them either.

### **Latest News on Vaccination Efforts**

Virginia is [now offering a third dose of the COVID-19 vaccine](#) to people who received two doses of either the Pfizer or Moderna shot and are [moderately or severely immunocompromised](#). This follows the recommendation of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced August 13 and includes people who have:

- Been receiving active cancer treatment for tumors or cancers of the blood;
- Received an organ transplant and are taking medicine to suppress the immune system;
- Received a stem cell transplant within the last two years or are taking medicine to suppress the immune system;
- Moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (such as DiGeorge syndrome, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome, etc.);
- Advanced or untreated HIV infection; and/or
- Active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids or other drugs that may suppress your immune response.

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The CDC estimates that the new recommendation for a third dose of the vaccine affects about 3% of the U.S. population, which amounts to about 12,000 Loudoun residents. As of today, more than 244,000 Loudoun County residents are fully vaccinated, representing 59% of Loudoun's total population and nearly 73% of Loudoun's adult population. Many of those who have already received a COVID-19 vaccine may be wondering how the CDC's recommendation affects them.

The [U.S. Food and Drug Administration \(FDA\) authorized](#) on August 12 the use of an additional dose of COVID-19 vaccine in certain immunocompromised individuals. The FDA authorization includes the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines only. According to the CDC, there is not enough data at this time to determine whether immunocompromised people who received Johnson & Johnson's Janssen COVID-19 vaccine also have an improved antibody response following an additional dose of the same vaccine. Individuals who received the Johnson and Johnson vaccine should wait for additional guidance from the CDC and Virginia Department of Health (VDH) regarding the possibility of additional doses of the vaccine in the future.

The Loudoun County Health Department is closely following the ongoing research and recommendations regarding the COVID-19 vaccine. Here's what you should know now about additional doses of COVID-19 vaccines:

- Immunocompromised individuals should wait at least 28 days since their second dose before receiving a third dose; VDH recommends speaking with your health care provider about your medical condition, and whether getting an additional dose is appropriate for you.

- Proof of medical condition is not required to receive a third dose; however, individuals may need to state that they have a moderate or severe immunocompromising condition.
- CDC recommends that immunocompromised individuals receive the same type of vaccine (either Moderna or Pfizer) as they received in their primary series; however, the alternate type may be provided if the primary series product is not available.
- FDA, CDC and the National Institutes of Health are engaged in a rigorous science-based process to consider whether or when a booster might be necessary for the general population.
- A booster dose for other groups may be necessary in the future for a couple of reasons: for someone with a normal immune system, the initially adequate protection after being fully vaccinated against COVID-19 could be lost later on if immunity decreases over time, or if new variants of the virus are different enough that the vaccine's protection becomes limited. If either of these events occurs, a booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine could be helpful as a way to regain the protection against COVID-19 that was lost.
- People who are fully vaccinated are protected from severe disease and death, including from the variants currently circulating in the country, such as Delta.
- People who are not vaccinated remain at risk; virtually all current COVID-19 hospitalizations and deaths are among those who are unvaccinated.

The Health Department strongly urges anyone 12 and older who has not yet been vaccinated to get a COVID-19 vaccine as soon as possible.

Visit [loudoun.gov/covid19vaccine](http://loudoun.gov/covid19vaccine) to find a vaccine provider near you.

Loudoun's vaccination site at the Dulles Town Center **will close permanently** at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, September 3 due to decreased demand for the vaccine in the County (as a majority of the population is now vaccinated).

The Loudoun County Health Department **will begin operating a COVID-19 vaccination site** at Sterling Elementary School on Saturday, September 4. The new vaccination site is located at 200 West Church Road in Sterling. The clinic will be open every Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. by appointment only until further notice. Appointments can be secured by clicking [here](#). Vaccinations at this location are free and open to everyone age 12 years and over.

I have had several discussions with senior staff regarding the rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine to children under 12. There is nothing yet to announce, but staff is working on plans to be ready when the vaccine has been cleared for distribution to children under 12, so stay tuned.

In addition to receiving a vaccine from Loudoun County, COVID-19 vaccines are available from many providers throughout the community, such as medical offices and pharmacies including, but not limited to, CVS, Giant Food, Harris Teeter, Safeway, Walgreens, Walmart, and Wegmans. The Health Department encourages everyone 12 and older who has not yet been vaccinated to visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov) to find a vaccination site near you.

Last week, the Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine became the first COVID-19 vaccine to be granted full FDA approval. Details are available in the FDA news release [here](#).

Learn more about protecting yourself and your family on the Virginia Department of Health [website](#).

For additional information about COVID-19, visit [loudoun.gov/covid19](http://loudoun.gov/covid19), call the Health Department's information line at 703-737-8300, or send an email to [health@loudoun.gov](mailto:health@loudoun.gov).

## DULLES UPDATES

### VDOT Pavement Resurfacing Update

- Striping has been completed on the northbound lanes of **Gum Spring Road between Route 50 and Frontier Spring Drive**. The contractor will begin detail work (arrows, stop bars, etc.) this week, weather permitting.
- The contractor is done applying long line pavement markings on **Millstream Drive, Riding Center Drive, and Eastgate View Drive**. Handwork on non-long line items, including crosswalks, should be complete by the end of the week.

### Eastgate View Drive Bike Lanes & Parking

As part of the resurfacing and restriping of Eastgate View Drive between Poland Road and Pleasant Valley Road, a new lane configuration has been implemented. To be frank, I was caught by surprise with this new configuration. There was miscommunication between VDOT, the County, and my office regarding the changes that were implemented. VDOT had developed some concepts for discussion, and one of them turned into a final plan without our input.

This new configuration reduces the roadway from four lanes to two and adds bike lanes on both sides of the road. Street parking was added on the segment between Tall Cedars Parkway and Pleasant Valley

Road to accommodate additional parking needs within the East Gate community. VDOT is also performing a speed limit analysis of that road and it is likely they will be implementing a lower speed limit in the coming months.

We are currently evaluating how this configuration is working and whether it should remain. Feel free to [email](#) if you have thoughts - I am particularly interested in hearing from those who live in the adjacent homes.

### **ITS Project Installation**

The Intelligent Transportation System previously in place on I-66 inside the beltway (before the implementation of tolling) is being installed on Route 50 from Northstar Boulevard to the County line, and on Loudoun County Parkway from Route 50 to Route 606. The message boards will be operated by VDOT Traffic Operations staff located at their Public Safety & Traffic Operations Center (PSTOC) in Fairfax. The system provides display boards for drivers, transmits real time traffic data to VDOT, and integrates with routing software such as Waze. The boards can inform the public of travel times from the location of the signs to certain destinations, special events, and warnings of crashes or congestion.

The message boards are undergoing testing, and then the contractor will perform communication hookups and integration into the Public Safety & Traffic Operations Center network. The signs and cameras are currently expected to be fully functional by the end of September or early October, although VDOT staff is hoping to work with the contractor to expedite the process.

### **Route 7 & 50 Renaming Process**

The task force comprised of Heritage Commission members and Board of Supervisors appointees has narrowed down a list of potential new names for

Route 50 and Route 7 to come to the Board in September. There are two public information meetings scheduled to discuss the potential names: September 29 at 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. These two meetings are identical and intended to provide flexibility for the public. The meetings will provide an overview of the project, the Task Force's work to review submitted names, and unveil the names for each roadway that will be presented for the Board's consideration. For meeting access information, visit the County calendar [here](#). Following Board approval, a survey will be available for the public to rank the proposed names. I am also continuing my personal outreach to businesses and HOAs in the Route 50 corridor.

If you submitted a new name for consideration during the public proposal process, thank you for your input and know that your contribution was reviewed by the task force. You can find more information as the process moves forward at the County's dedicated webpage [here](#).

### **Through Truck Restriction Sign Installation**

The VDOT sign crew has received the Through Truck Restriction signs for Cedar Ridge Boulevard and Ticonderoga Road. Installation should be complete by tomorrow, barring any issues.

## **DULLES LAND USE UPDATES**

### **Dominion Energy Aviator Power Line Project**

The [H&M data center](#) is under construction on the north side of Route 50 adjacent to Dulles Airport property and will need to be connected with power. From a land use standpoint, the data center is in a good location - away from houses and other commercial development. During the Board of Supervisors discussion of the H&M application, I

was mostly focused on the power lines, because I knew the site would need to be connected and didn't want to be in a situation where something was forced upon us because of that need. I delayed the Board's consideration of the application for several months until I obtained commitments from all parties to avoid as much visual impact as possible along Route 50 frontage.

Originally, Dominion had intended to hold a virtual public information meeting regarding this project last week, but it was postponed due to ongoing discussions with the impacted property owners that could influence the routes that are considered.

Dominion is now looking at several options, but the more we've learned, the more issues there are with some of the routes. The "underground" option is not as attractive as it seems, because it would require the construction of a transition station (which looks like a smaller version of a substation) right along Route 50. It avoids the need for most of the new towers, but I'm not sure it's worth the tradeoff. Another option would be to go through the quarry itself, but the quarry landowner has major concerns, and it will be very difficult to find a path that won't impact their operations. Finally, additional transmission towers could be added along 50. We're currently exploring with Dominion what they would look like and whether there is an opportunity to improve the existing substation on the south side of Route 50, and/or the area along 50 where the power lines would run, which right now is not attractive. I don't have those answers yet, but we've asked Dominion to present visual simulations of all these options to the public at the rescheduled meeting.

We expect that the public information meeting will be rescheduled as the route options that will move forward to the State Corporation Commission for ultimate approval are firmed up.

I will keep you updated when the meeting is rescheduled. In the meantime, you can click [here](#) for project updates, or contact Dominion directly by

sending an email  
to [powerline@dominionenergy.com](mailto:powerline@dominionenergy.com) or calling 888-291-0190.

### **The Shops and Tech at Arcola Center**

[ZMAP-2020-0007](#), [SPEX-2020-0017](#), [SPEX-2020-0018](#), [ZMOD-2020-0011](#), [ZMOD-2020-0012](#),  
[ZMOD-2020-0013](#), [ZMOD-2020-0014](#), [ZMOD-2020-0015](#), & [ZMOD-2020-0016](#)

At our September Public Hearing, the Board will hear applications related to Arcola Center that seek to convert nearly half of the existing retail-zoned land on the north side of Dulles West Boulevard to flex industrial. The concerns with retail have been well documented, and the applicant argues that the flex industrial product allows for different types of businesses that can thrive and still provide residents with options. I am reserving my judgement until the Public Hearing.

## **RETAIL UPDATES**

### **Whitman Property Commercial**

I receive a lot of questions about the commercial project at the corner of Gum Spring and Braddock and recently had a meeting in which I received some updates. Here they are:

**Lidl** owns their property but has not moved forward with developing it. They will announce next spring what their timeline is for this location.

A site plan for the **gas station user** will be filed by the end of the year, with construction next summer.

**Virginia Tire and Auto** is hoping to open next summer, but steel shortages may impact the timeline.

For the **Dunkin'** franchise, indications continue that this location will also have a Baskin Robbins, which is something I requested when I heard they were

interested in another location here. I think an ice cream shop would do well next to PVI. Permits have been issued and we're told they are ready to begin construction.

There is also an **inline retail building**, which has permits issued and a contractor mobilized. In that building, I've been told there is a pizza tenant and a tea/pastry tenant. The pizza tenant is a chain, but one that doesn't have a location in southern Loudoun.

### **Welcome to Sweet Frog, Potomac River Running, and Tier Zero**

I'm pleased to welcome two new tenants to Dulles South: Sweet Frog frozen yogurt, which opened this past week in the South Riding Town Center shopping plaza and Potomac River Running, which has announced plans to open soon at the Eastgate Shopping Center. I happen to be a fan of both establishments, and I encourage residents to support them.

I also want to recognize Tier Zero, a very unique store also at South Riding Town Center that focuses on limited release and high end shoes and apparel. Tier Zero was opened this summer by three recent (2020) Loudoun high school graduates. It's nice to see some unique and different retailers set up shop in our community, and it's really cool to see young entrepreneurs!

## **LOUDOUN UPDATES**

### **U.S. Census / Redistricting**

The U.S. Census Bureau has begun its much-anticipated release of redistricting data, which was severely delayed due to pandemic complications but is now arriving in chunks for localities to use. Data released so far includes total population, voting age

population, race, housing unit numbers, housing unit occupancy vs. vacancy, and more.

Based on this initial data, Loudoun's 2020 population was estimated at 420,959. Since the Board has committed to keeping the representation model of eight districts plus one chair-at-large, the ideal district size is 52,620. Northern Virginia is now a majority-minority area after sustained growth in multi-racial populations over the last ten years, and Loudoun has an estimated minority population of 48.5%

The Virginia Redistricting Commission will approach the General Assembly with their proposed new districts for the Virginia Senate and the Virginia House of Delegates by September 26 and proposed districts for the U.S. House of Representatives by October 11.

County staff will present more details to the Board of Supervisors in mid-September. That data will include the population of existing election districts, election precincts, and population growth in the election districts since 2010. The population of the Dulles District as it stands today is about 65,000, which means it will need to shrink. All the aforementioned data will be loaded into Esri (the County's new redistricting software vendor) so that our redistricting process can move forward. Different scenarios for redistricting will be discussed at the October 19 Board of Supervisors Business Meeting (for information on how to participate in the meeting, click [here](#)). For a more comprehensive discussion of redistricting that I included in a past newsletter, click [here](#). For the Census Bureau's Loudoun-specific quick facts (including population totals), click [here](#).

### **Hanson Park Construction Update**

At the Hal and Berni Hanson Regional Park construction site, crews have begun the installation of retaining walls at the baseball fields and continue to

install sod and sports netting posts at the rectangular athletic fields. Workers are continuing to build the boardwalks and piers, asphalt pave the basketball court, install underground plumbing, and install foundations at the splashpad. Crews have begun installing exterior siding, exterior doors, and the metal roof on the onsite Hanson House. Construction also continues on many structures throughout the park. Installation of underground utilities, electric transformers, and irrigation systems is ongoing.

Hanson Park will feature a skate park designed by Wally Hollyday, a well known California-based designer. The 20,000 sq. ft. facility at Hanson will have a lot of the same design components and features seen at the Olympics: half pipes, quarter pipes, a viewing plaza for spectators, and much more. For more on this in my discussion with WTOP, click [here](#). I'm very excited to see the skatepark open with the rest of the project in spring of 2022 and provide a great place for kids and families to hang out.



*Construction progress on the athletic fields*



*Construction progress on the skate park, which will have several features seen in the Tokyo Olympics*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Loudoun Workforce Resource Center Offers Career Assistance During Workforce Development Month**

September is Workforce Development Month and is celebrated annually by connecting people with employment opportunities in their communities. In recognition, the Loudoun Workforce Resource Center is offering several special virtual and in-person career assistance events during September 2021 that speak to a variety of community interests and needs. For virtual events, it is recommended that you have both camera and microphone capabilities on your device to enhance your event experience. Check out the events below and register online today at [loudoun.gov/wrcworkshops](http://loudoun.gov/wrcworkshops).

### **Fall Pass Sale at Claude Moore & Dulles South Recreation & Community Centers**

Annual and six-month recreational memberships for Dulles South Recreation and Community Center (DSRCC) are discounted 15% through September 13. Admission passes include access to:

- Climbing wall during scheduled times
- Competition pool
- Fitness Center
- Group Exercise Classes
- Gymnasium
- Indoor track
- Leisure pool

Find more information [online](#). Sale passes can be purchased at DSRCC, located at 24950 Riding Center Drive in South Riding.

### **Loudoun Community Encouraged to Participate in Regional Hazard Mitigation Survey**

Residents and business owners in Loudoun County are encouraged to help build community resilience to disasters by participating in the [Northern Virginia Hazard Mitigation Survey](#).

Loudoun County and the incorporated towns of Hamilton, Hillsboro, Leesburg, Lovettsville, Middleburg, Purcellville and Round Hill are part of a regionwide effort to update the Northern Virginia Hazard Mitigation Plan. The plan identifies strategies for reducing or eliminating loss of life, injury, and property damage caused by disasters as well as the long-term risks that result from hazards such as floods, severe storms, tornadoes, wildfires and winter weather.

In addition to preventing loss of life and injury and damage to buildings and infrastructure, hazard mitigation can prevent damage to a community's economic, social and environmental well-being.

Members of the community can participate in the mitigation planning process by answering questions about natural hazards they are concerned about or have directly experienced in the past five years. The survey also asks for opinions on proposed mitigation strategies.

The brief survey is available [online](#) and is open through September 15, 2021.

## Recycling Guide

[The Loudoun County Recycling Guide](#) lists items that can be recycled through curbside recycling and at the [County's recycling drop-off centers](#). Items not specifically listed as acceptable materials should not be placed in a recycling container until your local service provider is contacted to confirm whether they can be recycled.

Plastic bags, plastic foam (such as Styrofoam), empty motor oil containers and recyclables sealed in plastic trash bags are common items mistakenly set out for recycling. Here's what to do instead:

- Return plastic grocery bags to grocery stores for recycling.
- Place plastic foam and empty motor oil containers in the trash.
- Do not seal recyclables in plastic bags; instead deposit them loosely in recycling bins.

Hazardous items also found in recycling bins include batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, pressurized cans and other hazardous materials. These items should not be placed in recycling bins or even the trash, but instead disposed of at one of the county's [household hazardous waste](#) or [business hazardous waste](#) collection events.

Currently, one of the most common questions about recycling concerns glass bottles and jars. While glass bottles and jars are still accepted in some curbside recycling programs, the glass is not always able to be put to a beneficial use and may be discarded as waste. Loudoun County has established a glass recycling program at six recycling drop-off centers where glass bottles and jars are collected separately from other recyclable materials to ensure they are

recovered for another use. More details are available at [loudoun.gov/recycling](http://loudoun.gov/recycling).

More information about the county's recycling and waste management programs is available by calling 703-771-5500 or visiting [loudoun.gov/wastemanagement](http://loudoun.gov/wastemanagement).

### **Economic Development Advisory Commission**

Loudoun Economic Development is seeking candidates to serve on the Economic Development Advisory Commission, a body of business leaders tasked with advising the Board of Supervisors and shaping the economic environment.

Members of the Loudoun business community who are interested in volunteering their time and expertise to promote the economic growth of the county should [submit an application online](#) by close of business on Friday, September 17, 2021.

Applications submitted after this date will not be eligible for recommendation to the Board of Supervisors from EDAC leadership.

Commission members may serve two three-year terms, meeting six times per year, every other month starting in January. The meetings are free and open to the public; interested parties can check the County calendar for upcoming meeting dates, times, locations and agendas.

EDAC leadership will review applicants and recommend nominees to the Board of Supervisors for appointment. The commission's members, bylaws, agendas and other documents are available at [biz.loudoun.gov](http://biz.loudoun.gov).

### **Donations to Local Food Banks**

Donations to the Dulles South Food Pantry can be made in person at their temporary location at the Arcola Volunteer Fire Department Annex, 24300 Stone Springs Boulevard, on Mondays and

Wednesdays from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM, or [online](#). Donations to the Dulles South Food Pantry, Inc. are tax deductible. The Dulles South Food Pantry provides food assistance up to twice a month to any person who resides in the attendance zones for the following high schools: Freedom, John Champe, Lightridge, Independence, Rock Ridge and Briar Woods. Call 703-507-2795 or email <mailto:info@dsfp.org> to schedule an appointment. See the Pantry's [website](#) for information on how you can help fight local hunger.

Donations to Loudoun Hunger Relief can be made in person at 750 Miller Drive SE in Leesburg or via their [website](#).

### **Blood Donation**

The American Red Cross continues to have an urgent need for blood and platelet donations. Donation sites follow the required social distancing during the collection events. No drop-in donations are allowed. To schedule an appointment, please visit [redcross.org/give-blood](https://redcross.org/give-blood).

Inova Blood Services has blood drives scheduled and takes donors by appointment. Visit <https://www.inovablood.org/> to schedule an appointment.

### **Medical Reserve Corps Volunteering**

The Health Department continues to seek volunteers for the Loudoun Medical Reserve Corps (MRC). With the COVID-19 pandemic a reality, the need for Loudoun Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers - both medical and nonmedical personnel - is greater than ever. The MRC is asking medical doctors, nurses, physician assistants, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, dentists, veterinarians, and other medical professionals to consider volunteering their time to help protect the community's health during the pandemic and beyond. Nonmedical professionals can operate the Loudoun County Health

Department's information line or help support testing activities, contact-tracing efforts, logistics support, and other nonmedical functions. For more information, visit [loudoun.gov/mrc](http://loudoun.gov/mrc). Register through the [Virginia Volunteer Health System](#).

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