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Loudoun County Expands Free COVID-19 Testing Events to Weekly Beginning Oct. 12

Loudoun County is expanding its twice-a-month COVID-19 testing events to weekly, beginning Tuesday, October 12, 2021. The additional testing events will give residents more options for free testing as the county continues to experience a high level of community transmission of COVID-19. The drive-thru events are scheduled for Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., at various locations across the county.

"I encourage anyone who thinks they may have been exposed to COVID-19 to get evaluated and tested promptly, either privately or through one of the county's testing events," said Loudoun County Health Director Dr. David Goodfriend. "You should get tested if you are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, such as fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue and a new loss of taste or smell or if you have been potentially exposed to someone with COVID-19, regardless of their vaccination status."

Goodfriend advises that while waiting for COVID-19 test results, "you should stay home and away from others if you have symptoms of COVID-19, regardless of your vaccination status; or if you have had close contact with someone with COVID-19 and you are not fully vaccinated."

More information about when to quarantine and when to isolate following exposure to or infection with the COVID-19 virus is posted on the <u>CDC's website</u>.

Testing Schedule

The weekly schedule of COVID-19 testing events begins October 12. They will be held on Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

- October 12: Claude Moore Park, 46150 Loudoun Park Lane in Sterling
- October 19: Philip A. Bolen Memorial Park, 42405 Claudia Drive, Leesburg (Enter the park on Crosstrail Boulevard from Sycolin Road.)
- October 26: Franklin Park, 17501, Franklin Park Drive, Purcellville
- November 2: Claude Moore Park, 46150 Loudoun Park Lane in Sterling
- November 9: Philip A. Bolen Memorial Park, 42405 Claudia Drive, Leesburg (Enter the park on Crosstrail Boulevard from Sycolin Road.)
- November 16: Franklin Park, 17501, Franklin Park Drive, Purcellville
- November 23: Claude Moore Park, 46150 Loudoun Park Lane in Sterling
- November 30: Franklin Park, 17501, Franklin Park Drive, Purcellville

The testing events are free and open to all. There are no age or residency requirements. No prescriptions or appointments are necessary. A person does not have to exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 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.

Registration Form

To help reduce wait times, people who plan to attend the testing event 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. Questions about insurance may be ignored.

• Registration Form: English | Spanish

The fillable form may be downloaded, filled out, printed and completed forms should be brought with you to the testing site. 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. The forms are also available at loudoun.gov/COVID19testing.

Other Testing Sites

In addition to the COVID-19 testing events hosted by Loudoun County, there are other testing locations and providers in Loudoun and the region. Visit <u>loudoun.gov/covid19testing</u> to find locations near you.

COVID-19 Vaccine

The Loudoun County Health Department encourages everyone age 12 and older who has not already received a COVID-19 to get vaccinated as soon as possible. Vaccine is widely available from many providers in Loudoun, such as medical offices and pharmacies including, but not limited to, CVS, Giant Food, Harris Teeter, Safeway, Walgreens, Walmart and Wegmans. Visit vaccines.gov to find the vaccination site nearest to you.

For information about the county's vaccination site, visit loudoun.gov/covid19vaccine.

Protect Yourself and Others

In addition to vaccination, to help curb the increase in COVID-19 cases that Loudoun County has been experiencing, the Health Department recommends everyone:

- Wear a mask in indoor public settings
- Stay 6 feet away from people who do not live in your household
- Cover your coughs and sneezes
- Wash your hands frequently
- Stay home when sick
- Avoid contact with sick people

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• Know the <u>signs and symptoms of COVID-19</u> and remember to get tested if you're symptomatic, or if potentially exposed to COVID-19, regardless of your vaccination status.

Learn more about protecting yourself and your family on the <u>Virginia Department of Health</u> website.

More Information

Anyone with questions about COVID-19, including the upcoming testing events, may call the Loudoun County Health Department's information line at 703-737-8300 or send an email to health@loudoun.gov.

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