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# **Loudoun Continues Free COVID-19 Testing Events in December**

Loudoun County will continue to offer free, weekly COVID-19 testing events through December. The drive-thru events are scheduled for Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m., at various locations across the county:

- December 7: <u>Dulles South Recreation & Community Center</u>, 24950 Riding Center Drive, South Riding
- **December 14**: Franklin Park, 17501 Franklin Park Drive, Purcellville
- December 21: Claude Moore Park, 46150 Loudoun Park Lane in Sterling
- December 28: Philip A. Bolen Memorial Park, 42405 Claudia Drive, Leesburg (Enter the park on Crosstrail Boulevard from Sycolin Road.)

In addition, the county will hold the final November COVID-19 testing event **Tuesday**, **November 30, 2021**, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at <u>Franklin Park</u>, <u>17501 Franklin Park Drive</u>, <u>Purcellville</u>.

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.

### When to Get Tested

Public health officials encourage anyone, regardless of vaccination status, who thinks they may have been exposed to COVID-19 to get tested as well as anyone exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, such as fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue and a new loss of taste or smell.

In addition, anyone who traveled for the Thanksgiving holiday or plans to travel for the December holidays and gather with family and friends is also encouraged to get tested a few days before and after traveling or gathering in groups.

Learn more about COVID-19 testing on the <u>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's</u> website.

## **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 and printed. 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 <a href="loudoun.gov/COVID19testing">loudoun.gov/COVID19testing</a>.

## **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 5 and older who has not already received a COVID-19 vaccination 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. These locations have the benefit of being able to also provide flu vaccine at the same time, which is recommended by the Health Department. Visit <u>vaccines.gov</u> to find the vaccination site nearest to you.

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

### **Protect Yourself and Others**

In addition to vaccination, to help curb the increase in COVID-19 cases that Loudoun County has been experiencing and to help prevent the newly identified <u>Omicron variant</u> or other new COVID-19 variants from impacting Loudoun County, 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.
- 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> <u>website</u>.

# **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.