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### **Loudoun County Schedules COVID-19 Testing Events Jan. 11 & 14**

Loudoun County has scheduled COVID-19 testing events **Tuesday, January 11 and Friday, January 14, 2022**, at [Philip A. Bolen Memorial Park, 42405 Claudia Drive, Leesburg](#) (Enter the park on Crosstrail Boulevard from Sycolin Road.) Testing is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m., but may begin early to mitigate traffic impacts.

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.

#### **What to Expect**

- **Given increased demand, there may be a significant wait time in the drive-thru line.**
- **Capacity is limited by the space for vehicles and the need to complete testing during daylight hours.** The county and its testing contractor intend to test as many people as possible given the constraints of space, time and staffing.
- **Entrance to the park may be restricted intermittently to limit traffic impacts on Sycolin Road.** Queuing on Sycolin Road will not be allowed. If testing capacity is reached, the site will close for the day.
- **To be notified regarding changes in site operations**, opt in to receive text message updates in English (text LCCOVID19 to 888777) or Spanish (text LCCOVIDESP to 888777), or check the [Loudoun County Government Facebook page](#) or [@LoudounCoGovt on Twitter](#).

#### **Registration Form**

There is a new procedure for the required registration form, which can now be filled out and submitted online.

- [Register online \(English\)](#) | [Español](#)

The forms should be filled out and submitted online prior to the test. For anyone who cannot submit the forms online, paper forms will also be available at the testing site.

**Submitting the form in advance is not an appointment or a guarantee for a test. Given increased demand, the site may close when it reaches capacity.**

The form is required and asks for general information including name, date of birth, address, phone number. The information is kept private.

### **Future Testing Events**

Since the COVID-19 testing program began, the county has held the free, drive-thru testing events at rotating sites throughout the county. Due to increased demand, the first events in January have been scheduled at the largest of those facilities, Philip A. Bolen Memorial Park in Leesburg. Going forward, the county will announce decisions on a week-to-week basis on testing event locations based on demand. Testing events are being held on a twice-weekly basis in January. The schedule will be posted at [loudoun.gov/covid19testing](https://loudoun.gov/covid19testing).

### **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. Learn more about COVID-19 testing on the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's website](https://www.cdc.gov/covid19/testing).

### **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 the [Virginia Department of Health's COVID-19 testing webpage](https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/covid19/testing) to find locations near you.

### **COVID-19 Vaccine**

The Loudoun County Health Department encourages everyone age 5 and older who is not fully vaccinated to get a COVID-19 vaccination as soon as possible. In addition, anyone who is eligible is encouraged to get a booster dose. 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 [vaccines.gov](https://vaccines.gov) to find the vaccination site nearest to you.

To make an appointment at the county's vaccination site located at the Dulles Town Center, visit [loudoun.gov/covid19vaccine](https://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 and to help slow the spread of the [Omicron variant](https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2022/s0927-omicron-variant.html) or other new COVID-19 variants, 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 [signs and symptoms of COVID-19](#) 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 [Virginia Department of Health website](#).

### **More Information**

Anyone with questions about COVID-19, including the upcoming testing events, may call the Loudoun County Health Department's information line Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., at 703-737-8300; or send an email anytime to [health@loudoun.gov](mailto:health@loudoun.gov).

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