



## Loudoun County, Virginia

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### **Loudoun County Schedules COVID-19 Testing Events Feb. 8 & 11**

Loudoun County has scheduled COVID-19 testing events **Tuesday, February 8**, and **Friday, February 11, 2022**, at [Dulles South Recreation & Community Center, 24950 Riding Center Drive, South Riding](#). Testing is scheduled from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., but may begin early to mitigate traffic impacts and may close early if capacity is reached.

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**

The required registration form may 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.**

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

#### **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](#).

#### **Other Testing Options**

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](#) to find locations near you, including appointment-based community testing centers in Fairfax and Prince William counties.

Also, every household on the United States is eligible to order four, free at-home COVID-19 tests through a federal government website: [covidtests.gov](https://covidtests.gov).

## **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.

Walk-in service and appointments are available at the county's vaccination site located at the Dulles Town Center. Note that the mass vaccination site will close permanently effective at 4:00 p.m., Saturday, February 26, 2022. Until then, the clinic will continue to provide first and second doses of COVID-19 vaccine, as well as boosters. To learn more, 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](#) 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](#).

## **Stay Informed**

The county expects to continue offering weekly testing opportunities through February. Information about future testing events will be posted at [loudoun.gov/covid19testing](https://loudoun.gov/covid19testing).

To be notified about the COVID-19 testing schedule, including any changes in testing 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.

### **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).

For additional information about COVID-19 and to sign up for COVID-19 text and email updates from Loudoun County, visit [loudoun.gov/coronavirus](https://loudoun.gov/coronavirus).

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