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Loudoun Schedules Final COVID-19 Testing Events Feb. 15, 18, 22 & 25

Loudoun County will end its free, twice-weekly, COVID-19 testing program at the end of this month due to a significant decrease in demand for COVID-19 testing and the wide availability of other testing options in the community. Loudoun County's final COVID-19 testing event is scheduled for February 25, 2022.

Loudoun County will continue to monitor local data and recommendations from the federal and state governments to determine whether the county should restart community-based testing at a future time.

The remaining testing events are being held through February on Tuesdays and Fridays, 10:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. The final four testing events are:

- Tuesday, February 15 & Friday, February 18: Philip A. Bolen Memorial Park, 42405 Claudia Drive, Leesburg (Enter the park on Crosstrail Boulevard from Sycolin Road.)
- Tuesday, February 22 & Friday, February 25: Franklin Park, 17501 Franklin Park Drive, Purcellville (Follow signs to the baseball field parking lot.)

As a reminder, there is also a previously scheduled testing event **Friday, February 11**, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., at <u>Dulles South Recreation & Community Center, 24950 Riding Center Drive, South Riding.</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.

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

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

Other testing locations and providers in Loudoun and the region may be found through the <u>Virginia Department of Health's COVID-19 testing webpage</u>, 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

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 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.

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.

For additional information about COVID-19 and to sign up for COVID-19 text and email updates from Loudoun County, visit <u>loudoun.gov/coronavirus</u>.