



COVID-19 Updates & Important Information ~APRIL 13, 2021~

SAVE THE DATE: Sterling District Virtual Sanitation Services Community Meeting

Virtual Sanitation Services Community Meeting

**Tuesday, April 27, 2021
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm**

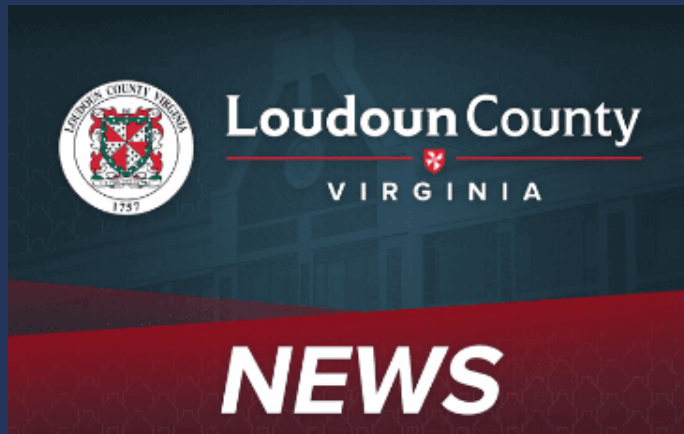
As many of you know, over the years, there have been a number of concerns from Sterling constituents as it relates to trash collection, including issues of service quality, collection times and consistency, and price fluctuations.

On Tuesday, April 27th, my office--in conjunction with the Loudoun County Department of General Services--will host a virtual community meeting to facilitate a discussion between Sterling District residents and disposal companies that service our area. With this meeting, I would like to hold a space for community members to share their experiences and stories, for companies to answer questions and provide feedback or updates, and to discuss plans for improvement moving forward.

More information and a meeting link will be available soon.

In the interim, I encourage members of the public to submit comments, questions, and suggestions for sanitation companies in advance to my Legislative Aide, Tianni Ivey at Tianni.Ivey@loudoun.gov.

Loudoun Pauses Use of Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine



The Loudoun County Health Department will pause its use of the single-dose Johnson and Johnson (J&J) vaccine immediately in accordance with the Virginia Department of Health's [announcement](#) this morning.

As of this morning, approximately 2,840 people were scheduled to receive J&J vaccine at Loudoun County's vaccination clinic on Saturday, April 17, 2021. The Health Department will replace the J&J vaccine with Pfizer vaccine for this Saturday's clinic. All individuals who have appointments on April 17 are encouraged to keep their appointments and receive the first in a two-dose series of Pfizer vaccine. Everyone who is impacted by this unanticipated change will be contacted directly by the Health Department to be informed about the change in vaccine and to provide instructions for canceling or rescheduling their appointment should they choose to do so.

Loudoun County will continue its ongoing vaccination efforts using available supplies of Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccine.

[Learn More](#)

Loudoun County Moves to Phase 2 of COVID-19 Vaccination Plan; Includes Everyone 16 and Older

The Loudoun County Health Department is announcing that effective Monday, April 12, 2021, Loudoun County is expanding COVID-19 vaccination opportunities to include all Loudoun County residents who are 16 years of age and older and encourages them to pre-register for a COVID-19 vaccine if they have not

already done so. Please note that anyone under 18 receiving the vaccine must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at their vaccination appointment or they will be turned away.



**COVID-19
Vaccinations
Expanded to
Phase 2**

**INCLUDES ALL RESIDENTS
AGE 16+**

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The graphic features a teal background with several glass vials of COVID-19 vaccine. The text is in white and yellow, providing clear information about the expansion of the vaccination program.

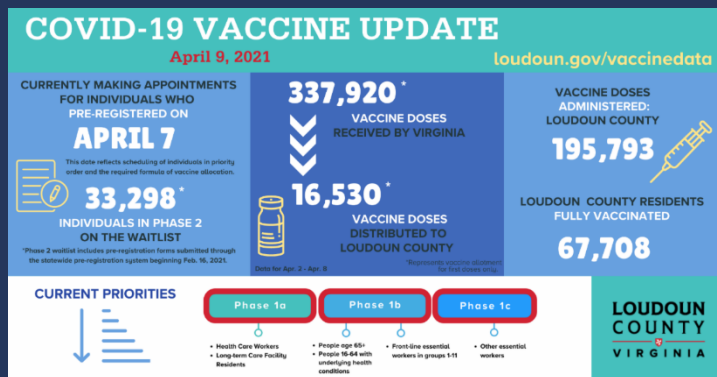
How to Pre-Register

Anyone 16 years of age and older who lives or works in Virginia can pre-register for a COVID-19 vaccine in one of two ways:

- Online: Visit vaccinate.virginia.gov to submit a pre-registration form. The fastest method for receiving a vaccination appointment is to include a unique email address in separate pre-registration forms for each individual who will receive a vaccine.
- Phone: Individuals who do not have access to the internet can pre-register by calling [1-877-829-4682](tel:1-877-829-4682).

[Learn More](#)

Weekly COVID-19 Vaccination Waitlist Update



Since April 2, Loudoun County has administered more than 4,000 vaccines daily to individuals who are on the Phase 1 pre-registration waitlist. Every Friday, the county provides an update on the current waitlist, which this week has changed to report only

people who are eligible for vaccination in Phase 2.

- **Date Now Serving:** Loudoun County is now offering appointments to individuals who are in the Phase 1 priority groups and submitted pre-registrations online or by phone on **April 7**, advanced from March 31 in last Friday’s report.
 - Currently, for people in the Phase 1a, 1b and 1c priority groups, the time between pre-registration and receiving an invitation to make a vaccination appointment has been shortened to a few days.
- **Current Waitlist:** There are currently **33,298 Phase 2 pre-registration** entries on Loudoun’s waitlist.
 - Loudoun County will join all health districts in Virginia in advancing to Phase 2 of the vaccination plan no later than April 18, 2021.
 - The waitlist continues to grow daily as more individuals in both Phase 1 and Phase 2 submit pre-registration forms.
 - Anyone in Virginia can now pre-register at vaccinate.virginia.gov.

COVID-19’s Effect on Mental Health of Young Adults

COVID-19 can affect young adults directly and indirectly. Beyond getting sick, the pandemic has impacted the social, emotional and mental well-being of many young adults who have felt isolated over the past year.

Experts say trauma faced at this developmental stage may have long-term consequences.

Resources are available to help support parents, caregivers and other adults in recognizing young people's social, emotional and mental challenges and helping to ensure their well-being. They include:

- **Youth Mental Health First Aid:** Loudoun County offers this free training for adults who interact with youth. The training gives you the skills you need to reach out and provide initial help and support to someone who may be developing a mental health or substance use problem or experiencing a crisis. The next Youth Mental Health First Aid training is scheduled for:
 - Tuesday, April 27 & Wednesday, April 28, 2021: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. each day. **The deadline to register is April 16, 2021.**

Find out more about the classes and how to register at loudoun.gov/mhfirstaid.



What to Know About Variants



With multiple COVID-19 variants present in Virginia, it's important to continue to take prevention measures to keep yourself and others safe. The Virginia Department of Health offers the **top five things to know about variants.**

1. Current COVID-19 variants of concern spread more rapidly and some cause more severe illness.
2. Rapid spread could lead to more cases, more deaths, and could overwhelm hospitals and health care resources.
3. The more the COVID-19 virus circulates, the greater the chances that new mutations or variants can develop.
4. Variants of concern have been identified in Virginia and are likely more common in our communities than the number of reported cases suggest.
5. Public health recommendations to slow the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19 will also work to protect us from these new variants. Keep yourself and others safer by:
 - Wearing a mask that covers your nose and mouth when you are around people not in your own household, even if you are outside.
 - Staying at least 6 feet apart from other people when possible.
 - Keeping away from large crowds.
 - Washing your hands often.
 - Getting the COVID-19 vaccine when it's your turn.

[Find out more about variants from the Virginia Department of Health](#)

Public Comment Invited on Draft Unmet Housing Needs Strategic Plan

As the Loudoun County Office of Housing finalizes the county's Unmet Housing Needs Strategic Plan (UHNSP), members of the public are invited to review the draft plan and share their feedback.

The strategic plan is designed to help the county and its partners improve housing access, quality and affordability for all families. It identifies strategies and actions to address unmet housing needs in a systematic and comprehensive way with integrated programs.

What can Loudoun do to help meet the need for housing?

Give us your input on the draft Unmet Housing Needs Strategic Plan

Learn more:
loudoun.gov/HousingNeeds

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The plan will also aim to create housing targets over the short term and the long term (the next five years).

The draft plan was presented to the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors at its April 6, 2021, business meeting. The Board's feedback and input from the public will be included in the final draft plan, which is scheduled to be presented to the Board at its May 12, 2021, public hearing.

[Review the Draft and Provide Feedback by April 25th](#)

Revive: Opioid Overdose Reversal Training



Loudoun County continues its series of opioid overdose reversal trainings, which are now available virtually.

"REVIVE!" is the Opioid Overdose and Naloxone Education program for the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Loudoun County Department of Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Developmental Services (MHSADS), the Loudoun County Community

Services Board and the Virginia Department of Health sponsor the local training sessions.

Participants who complete the training are eligible to receive free naloxone nasal spray. They may choose to receive naloxone by mail or arrange pickup.

Register for Upcoming Classes

- [Friday, April 16, 2021, 12:00 p.m.](#)
- [Monday, April 19, 2021, 5:30 p.m.](#)

Registration Required

The training is free, open to everyone and lasts about an hour. Anyone who uses opioids or knows someone who is using opioids is encouraged to attend. Those

interested in attending must preregister at the link above. The training is open only to preregistered participants.

[Get More Information](#)

LCSO to Hold Virtual Countywide Quarterly Public Safety Meeting

The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office will hold a virtual quarterly public safety meeting highlighting each station area on **April 15, 2021**. Residents will be able to view the meeting virtually as it will be streamed live on Facebook.



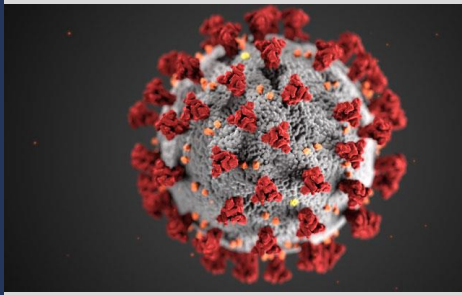
The meeting will be held at 5 p.m. and discuss recent crime and crime trends in each station area, traffic safety concerns and other public safety related issues.

Residents are encouraged to email any questions to Sheriffs_PIO@Loudoun.gov prior to the meeting.

To determine what station area your home or business is in, please visit <http://sheriff.loudoun.gov/findmystation>.

The meeting can be viewed online on the LCSO Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/loudounsheriff>.

Stay Informed!



The county continues to encourage everyone in the community to take steps to limit the spread of COVID-19, which include:

- Wear a mask/face covering ([see requirements](#))
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer only if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when

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Loudoun County encourages residents to stay informed about COVID-19

- To receive email updates on COVID-19, visit loudoun.gov/coronavirus.
- Text **LCCOVID19** to **888777** to receive text alerts from Loudoun County about COVID-19.
- Envíe un mensaje de texto con **LCCOVIDESP** al **888777** para actualizaciones diaras relacionadas con el coronavirus (COVID-19) en el condado de Loudoun.

Residents with questions about COVID-19 may call the Loudoun County Health Department's information line, 703-737-8300, or email health@loudoun.gov.

- coughing or sneezing.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
 - Stay home when you are sick.
 - Avoid contact with sick people.
 - Avoid non-essential travel.

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