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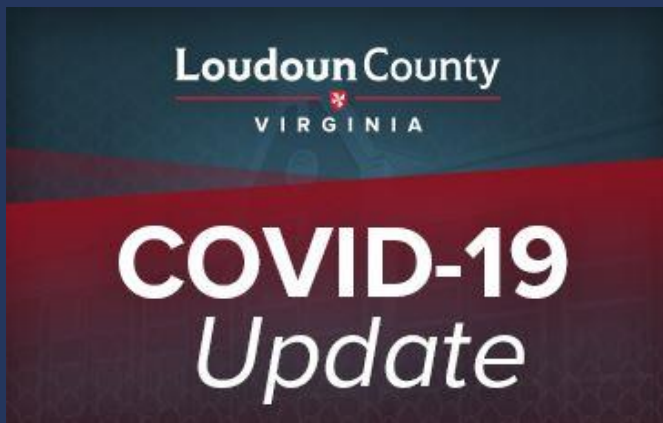## Supervisor Koran T. Saines

COVID–19 Updates & Important Information
~APRIL 22, 2021~

COVID-19 Updates from Dr. Goodfriend

Loudoun County Health Director Dr. David Goodfriend provided the Board of Supervisors with an update on COVID-19 during the Board's April 20, 2021, business meeting, covering the status of cases, vaccinations, testing and more.

Some key points:

- The county did see a rise in coronavirus cases shortly after spring break. Those numbers are starting to come down, but the numbers are still high considering how many people have been vaccinated.
- The presence of variants of the virus that causes COVID-19 in our region points out the importance of continuing the mitigation strategies that have worked so far.
- Everyone 16 and older who has not pre-registered for a vaccination is encouraged to register at vaccinate.virginia.gov or 1-877-829-4682.
- More pharmacies are receiving COVID-19 vaccine and are offering appointments. Information is available at vaccinefinder.org.

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

On Tuesday, April 27th, my office--in conjunction with the Loudoun County Department of General Services--will host an 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.

Meeting link: https://bit.ly/3eg4Ntm

Please submit comments, questions, personal experiences, and suggestions for sanitation companies in advance to my Legislative Aide, Tianni Ivey at Tianni.Ivey@loudoun.gov.

Statewide Phase 2

As of Sunday, April 18, the rest of Virginia has entered Phase 2 of the state's vaccination plan, which makes anyone age 16 years of age or older who lives or works in Virginia eligible to make an appointment to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

Loudoun County entered Phase 2 on April 12 and the county will continue to require pre-registration for anyone who wishes to receive a vaccination appointment through the Loudoun County Health Department. Individuals age 16 and older who live or work in Loudoun may complete a pre-registration form online or by calling 877-VAX-IN-VA (877-829-4682).
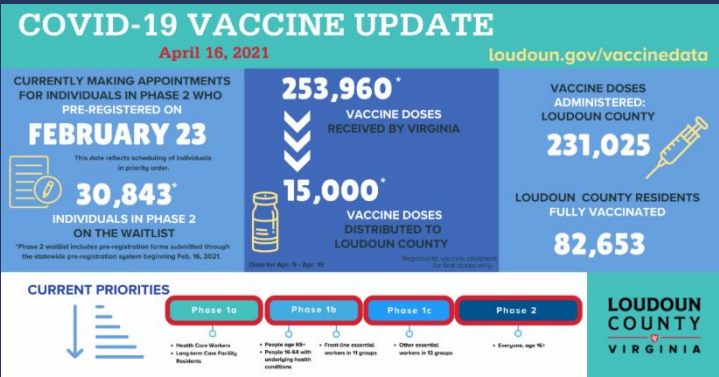
Other Ways to Get a Vaccine

At vaccinate.virginia.gov, you can also access the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's VaccineFinder website, which allows you to search the map-based site for appointments at Community Vaccination Centers, pharmacies, and hospitals in the region, and make your appointment yourself online.

Weekly COVID-19 Vaccination Waitlist Update

Date Now Serving: Loudoun County has started offering appointments to individuals who are in Phase 2 and submitted pre-registration forms online or by phone on **February 23**.

COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE
April 16, 2021 — loudoun.gov/vaccinedata

CURRENTLY MAKING APPOINTMENTS FOR INDIVIDUALS IN PHASE 2 WHO PRE-REGISTERED ON
FEBRUARY 23
This date reflects scheduling of individuals in priority order.

30,843 INDIVIDUALS IN PHASE 2 ON THE WAITLIST
*Phase 2 waitlist includes pre-registration forms submitted through the statewide pre-registration system beginning Feb. 16, 2021.

253,960 VACCINE DOSES RECEIVED BY VIRGINIA

15,000 VACCINE DOSES DISTRIBUTED TO LOUDOUN COUNTY
Data for Apr. 9 - Apr. 15.

VACCINE DOSES ADMINISTERED: LOUDOUN COUNTY
231,025

LOUDOUN COUNTY RESIDENTS FULLY VACCINATED
82,653
*Represents vaccine allotment for first doses only.

CURRENT PRIORITIES
Phase 1a — Phase 1b — Phase 1c — Phase 2
Health Care Workers · Long-term Care Facility Residents — People age 65+ · People 16-64 with underlying health conditions — Front-line essential workers in 11 groups — Other essential workers in 13 groups — Everyone, age 16+

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• On April 12, Loudoun entered Phase 2. With the increase in the number of people eligible for the vaccine, the date now serving has restarted to offer

appointments for Phase 2 pre-registrations submitted since February 16.

- If you are in Phase 2 and pre-registered before February 23 but have not heard from us, please ensure the email address used in your pre-registration form has not been used to pre-register anyone else for a vaccine. Our appointment scheduling system requires a unique email address for each individual who will receive a vaccine. To update the email address, go to vaccinate.virginia.gov and select "Verify and Update your Record."
- 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 **30,843 people** in Phase 2 on the waitlist, a decrease of **2,455** from last Friday's report.

The waitlist continues to grow daily as more individuals pre-register. Anyone in Virginia can now pre-register at vaccinate.virginia.gov.

Loudoun County Schedules Free COVID-19 Testing Events through May

COVID-19 TESTING

Multiple Locations

May 2021

Tuesdays
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Drive-thru only. Free & open to everyone.

loudoun.gov/COVID19testing

Loudoun County will continue to hold free, drive thru COVID-19 testing events through May. The events are scheduled for Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., at the following locations:

- **May 4:** Franklin Park, 17501 Franklin Park Drive, Purcellville
- **May 11:** Philip A. Bolen Memorial Park, 42405 Claudia Drive, Leesburg (Enter the park on Crosstrail Boulevard from Sycolin Road.)
- **May 18:** Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls (Access the testing location in the back parking lot, near the senior center.)

- **May 25:** Dulles South Recreation & Community Center, 24950 Riding Center Drive, South Riding

In addition, the county is holding the previously scheduled COVID-19 testing event **Tuesday, April 27, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** at Ray Muth Sr. Memorial Park, 20971 Marblehead Drive, Ashburn.

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.**

Learn More

Hang on to Your Vaccination Card

When you get your first dose of COVID-19 vaccine, you receive a small white card with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention logo that tells you which COVID-19 vaccine you received, the date you received it and where you received it. You take the vaccination card to

your second dose appointment where the second dose is noted. That card is your tangible proof of vaccination and you don't want to lose it.

If You Lose Your Vaccination Card: You can contact the Virginia Immunization Information System by sending an email, submitting an online form or calling 1-866-375-9795. If you enrolled in v-safe, the smartphone-based, after-vaccination health checker following your first vaccine dose, you can also access your vaccination information through that tool.

Scam Alert: COVID-19 vaccination cards are fast becoming a target of scammers. Phony copies of the cards have been sold through online marketplaces. Individuals might use the phony cards to misrepresent their vaccination status, potentially exposing others to risk.

Summer Camp Considerations

As summer fast approaches, parents may be considering overnight summer camps for their children. The Virginia Department of Health presents guidelines and best practices for overnight summer camps and provides information on what factors to consider when assessing risk and considerations for how overnight summer camps can help protect campers and staff. Read more from VDH on Summer Camps and Coronavirus.

The Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services offers a robust summer camp program. There are full-day camps for children in grades K-8, adaptive recreation camps and specialty and sports camps at centers, parks and schools throughout the county. More Information

Upcoming VDOT Projects in Sterling to Note

Below is a list of scheduled improvements to be completed by the Virginia Department of Transportation throughout the spring and summer.

Sidewalks, Entrances or Ramps
- Rawley Spring Drive (between 25714 and 25911)
- West Maple Ave
- East Holly Ave (between 1600-1604)
- Thomas Bridge Ct (between 25807-25858)
- East Beech Rd (between 136-1803)
- West Beech Rd (between 218-502)
- East Holly Ave (between 1201-1403)
- West Holly Ave (between 608-612)

- North Brandon Ave (1701 and 1801)
- Dupont Street (305)
- North Belfort Street (717 and 719)
- North Argonne Ave (between 706-1801)

Curbs and Gutters
- East Beech Rd (near 1501)
- West Church Rd (near 108)
- Box Elder Ct (near 101)

Drop Inlets (for stormwater collection)
The intersection of Glenn Drive and Sterling Blvd

For questions and more information, please email my office at Koran.Saines@loudoun.gov.

REMINDER: 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.
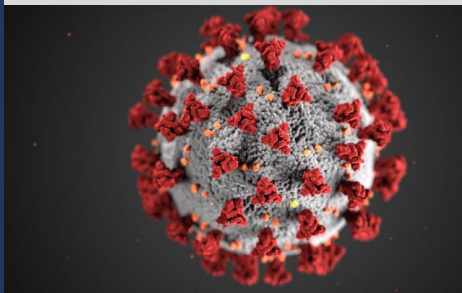
The strategic plan is designed to help the county and its partners improve housing access, quality and affordability for all families. It identifies strategies and actions to address unmet housing needs in a systematic and comprehensive way with integrated programs. The plan will also aim to create housing 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](#)

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

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 **88877 7** 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](#).

eyes, nose and mouth.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when 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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