



**COVID-19 Updates & Important Information**  
~APRIL 27, 2021~

**TONIGHT: Sterling District Sanitation Services  
Virtual Community Meeting**



Sanitation Services Virtual  
Community Meeting

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

Tonight my office will host a virtual community meeting to facilitate a discussion between Sterling District residents and disposal companies that service our area. This meeting will be 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>**

For questions or more information, please contact my office via email at [Tianni.Ivey@loudoun.gov](mailto:Tianni.Ivey@loudoun.gov).

## As Vaccinations Rise, Governor Northam Announces Expanded Capacity, Social Gathering Limits to Begin May 15

Governor Ralph Northam recently announced that sports and entertainment venues in Virginia may begin to operate with expanded capacity, and social gathering limits will increase beginning Saturday, May 15th.

The announcement comes as vaccinations continue to rise in the Commonwealth, and more than half of all adults have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.

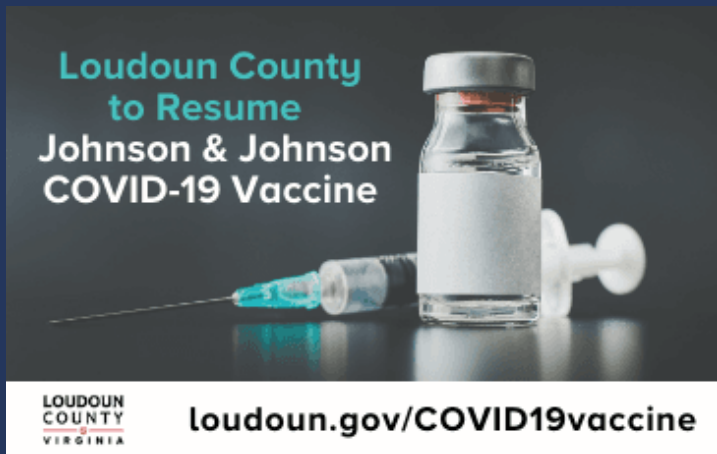
All Virginians age 16 and older are now eligible to for the vaccine.

Getting vaccinated keeps communities safer, and allows expanded personal activities—for example, people who have been fully vaccinated do not have to quarantine after an exposure, per guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Commonwealth will continue to mandate mask-wearing and social distancing, even as commercial restrictions are further eased.

[Read the Full Press Release](#)



## Loudoun to Resume Use of Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine



The Loudoun County Health Department will resume using the single-dose Johnson and Johnson (J&J) COVID-19 vaccine following a [joint announcement](#) by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Food and Drug Administration (FDA) indicating the pause in the use of the J&J vaccine

should be lifted. Loudoun County's next scheduled clinic that will use J&J COVID-19 vaccine is on Saturday, May 1, 2021.

More than 6.8 million people in the U.S. have received the J&J vaccine. The recommendation to resume the use of J&J vaccine follows meetings of the [Advisory Committee of Immunization Practices](#) (ACIP), which carefully investigated a total of 15 cases of a rare blood clot disorder among women age 18-59 who experienced symptoms between 6 and 15 days after receiving the J&J vaccine.

[Get More Information](#)

## Assistance Available for Loudoun Residents Impacted by COVID-19

If you or someone you know has been economically affected, Loudoun's [Information and Referral Program](#) can connect you with a variety of services such as food resources, employment services, housing and homeless services, utility assistance and child care assistance.



Learn how to get help with the basic things you need.

[loudoun.gov/needsassistance](https://loudoun.gov/needsassistance)

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Contact an Information and Referral Line specialist at [703-777-0420](tel:703-777-0420) or [online](#), Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. After hours and on the weekend, [complete an online form](#) or [send an email](#) and a specialist will respond the next business day.

In addition to county-administered programs, the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors has allocated \$2 million in general fund dollars to support residents through services provided by nonprofits and faith-based organizations. These services include continuing rental assistance for nonconforming leases, utility assistance to all residential utility customers, safety net program services and food assistance.

[Learn More About Programs and Assistance](#)

## VDH and DCLS Launch COVID-19 Variants of Concern Dashboard



The Virginia Department of Health (VDH), in collaboration with the Department of General Services' (DGS) Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services (state public health lab), launched a COVID-19 Variants of Concern dashboard.

The dashboard includes variants of concern received from participating laboratories for specimens that tested positive for COVID-19 since the beginning of the pandemic.

Variants of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, are concerning as they may increase the risk to human health. The variants may:

- Spread more easily
- Cause more severe illness
- Escape the immune protection provided by available COVID-19 vaccines or by natural infection with the virus that causes COVID-19
- Make viral tests less accurate
- Make some treatments less effective

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## Loudoun County Schedules Free COVID-19 Testing Events through May

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

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](#)

The graphic features a yellow header with the text "COVID-19 TESTING" in blue. Below this, on a white background, is a blue circle containing the text "Multiple Locations" in yellow. To the right of the circle, the text "May 2021" is in blue, followed by "Tuesdays" and "10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m." in blue. A yellow banner below contains the text "Drive-thru only. Free & open to everyone." in blue. At the bottom, a blue banner contains the Loudoun County logo and the website "loudoun.gov/COVID19testing" in white.

## Pfizer Breakthrough Fellowship Program



Pfizer has launched a Breakthrough Fellowship Program – a nine-year commitment to increase minority representation at Pfizer, designed to enhance our pipeline of diverse leaders. The Breakthrough Fellowship Program, first-of-its-kind, works to advance students and early career

colleagues of Black/African American, Latino/Hispanic and Native American descent with a goal of developing 100 fellows by 2025.

Recruitment for the Breakthrough Fellowship Program has started for current Juniors, with the Program beginning the summer Program in 2021. **Summer Program 2021 applications are open now through the end of May 1st.**

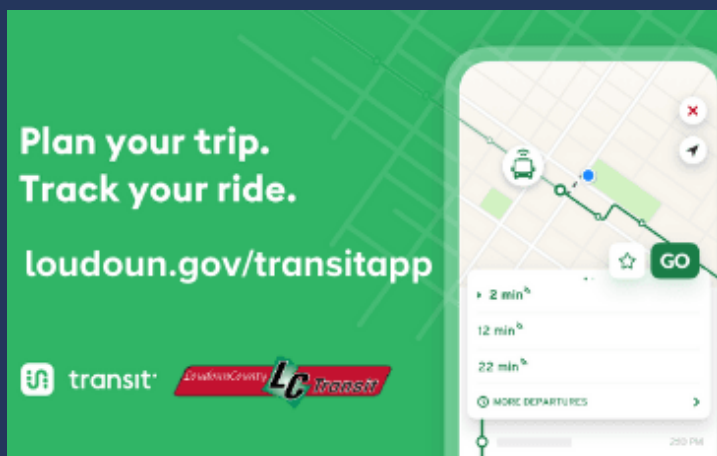
Current Sophomores can expect internship positions to open August of 2021 for the summer Breakthrough Fellowship Internships for the summer 2022.

[Get More Info on Eligibility Criteria and Apply Today](#)

## Loudoun County Launches New Transit App

Loudoun County Transit has launched a new mobile app called "Transit." Loudoun County will provide all updates regarding any impacts to bus service through the Transit app.

The app replaces the county's previous text service—LC Alerts and SV Alerts—which has been discontinued. Loudoun County encourages all subscribers to the former service





alerts to download the Transit app to continue receiving accurate, real-time service updates from Loudoun County transit.

The Transit app improves how the county communicates with bus riders by adding new and improved capabilities. The app allows bus riders to easily navigate the region, aided by nearby bus options, departure times, accurate real-time information, trip planning and step-by-step navigation. The app will simplify commuting for the county's bus and Metrorail riders, providing a single source of information.

[Learn More](#)

## First Half Personal Property Tax Deadline is May 5, 2021



**Personal Property Tax Deadline**

**TAX**

**Wednesday, May 5**

Extended hours at both office locations  
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, May 4 and Wednesday, May 5

**For payment options, visit:**  
**[loudoun.gov/taxes](http://loudoun.gov/taxes)**

Treasurer's Office: 703-777-0280  
Email: [taxes@loudoun.gov](mailto:taxes@loudoun.gov)

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The deadline for payment of the first half personal property tax is **May 5, 2021**. Payments received or postmarked after May 5, 2021, will incur a 10% late payment penalty.

For safety and convenience, taxpayers are encouraged to make payments online. Payments may be made:

- **Online:** [www.loudounportal.com/taxes](http://www.loudounportal.com/taxes)
- **Through a mobile device:** Link2Loudoun app is available for free from the iPhone App Store and the Google Play Store. The app allows access to [www.loudounportal.com/taxes](http://www.loudounportal.com/taxes) to pay your taxes.
- **By telephone:** [1-800-269-5971](tel:1-800-269-5971) may be called 24 hours a day. During regular business hours, call [703-777-0280](tel:703-777-0280). Please have your account number and credit card number ready.
- **By mail:** County of Loudoun, P.O. Box 1000, Leesburg, Virginia 20177-1000
- **In person:** Treasurer's Office Locations:
  - 1 Harrison Street SE, first floor, Leesburg

- 21641 Ridgetop Circle, Suite 104, Sterling

Taxpayers who are having financial difficulties should contact the Treasurer's Collections Team at [703-771-5656](tel:703-771-5656) for assistance.

[More Details](#)

## Loudoun to Implement New Ordinance Banning Firearms in County Facilities

Loudoun County is taking steps to enforce the recently amended [Chapter 684 of the Codified Ordinances of Loudoun County – Weapons and Explosives](#), which generally prohibits guns in county buildings, including community and recreation centers, and county-operated parks.



The new section, [684.04 Possession of Firearms on County Property](#), was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on March 2, 2021.

The ordinance now prohibits the possession, carrying or transportation of any firearm or ammunition in:

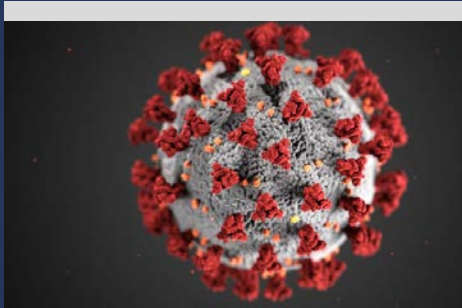
- Buildings owned or used by Loudoun County;
- Any part of a building used by Loudoun County for public purposes even if not owned by the county; and
- Parks owned and operated by Loudoun County.

Signage explaining the new rules is being placed at the entrances to Loudoun County facilities. Security screening stations will be installed at the Loudoun County Government Center and the Shenandoah Building in Leesburg and at the county government's service center located on Ridgetop Circle in Sterling.

[Learn More](#)



## 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

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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](https://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](mailto:health@loudoun.gov).

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.

## Supervisor Koran T. Saines

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