



COVID-19 Updates & Important Information ~MAY 27, 2021~

Busting Myths About COVID-19 Vaccines



Health officials are enlisting members of the public to help fight misinformation and myths about COVID-19 vaccines.

Key facts to know about the vaccines:

- COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective.
- You may have side effects after vaccination. These are normal and should go away in a few days.
- You are not fully vaccinated until two weeks after the second dose of a two-dose vaccine or two weeks after a one-dose vaccine.
- People who have been fully vaccinated can start to do some things that they had stopped doing because of the pandemic.
- It's easy to make an appointment: To get vaccinated, [schedule an appointment with the Loudoun County Health Department](#) or visit [vaccinate.virginia.gov](https://www.vaccinate.virginia.gov) or call 1-877-VAX-IN-VA (877-829-4682).

- Learn more from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: [Myths and Facts About COVID-19 Vaccines](#).
- Fight misinformation with a [Mythbusters Toolkit](#) of flyers, social media banners and more from the Virginia Department of Health.

V-safe Now Available for Adolescents

V-safe is the smartphone-based tool that uses text messaging and web surveys to provide personalized health check-ins after you receive a COVID-19 vaccine. Parents and guardians can now enroll adolescents (ages 12 and older) in v-safe and complete health check-ins

on their behalf after they receive a COVID-19 vaccination. All adolescents in the family who are eligible to be vaccinated can be enrolled in v-safe.

Through v-safe, you can quickly tell the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) if you have any side effects after getting the COVID-19 vaccine. Depending on your answers, someone from the CDC may call to check on you and get more information.

V-safe is available in English, Korean, simplified Chinese, Spanish and Vietnamese.

[Read more about the tool from the CDC](#)



Not Fully Vaccinated?



If you are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19, you should continue to follow public health recommendations about wearing a face mask, staying 6 feet away from others and taking other [precautions](#).

Generally, people are considered fully vaccinated:

- 2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or
 - 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine.
- To get vaccinated, schedule an appointment with the [Loudoun County Health Department](#) or visit vaccinate.virginia.gov or call 1-877-VAX-IN-VA (877-829-4682).

Loudoun County Schedules Free COVID-19 Testing Events through June

Loudoun County will continue to hold free, drive thru COVID-19 testing events through June.

The events are scheduled for Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., at the following locations:

- **June 1:** [Ray Muth Sr. Memorial Park, 20971 Marblehead Drive, Ashburn.](#)
- **June 8:** [Franklin Park, 17501 Franklin Park Drive, Purcellville](#) (Follow signs to the baseball field parking lot.)
- **June 15:** [Philip A. Bolen Memorial Park, 42405 Claudia Drive, Leesburg](#) (Enter the park on Crosstrail Boulevard from Sycolin Road.)
- **June 22:** [Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls](#) (Access the testing location in the back parking lot, near the senior center.)

COVID-19 TESTING

Multiple Locations

June 2021
Tuesdays
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Drive-thru only. Free & open to everyone.

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- **June 29:** 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.**

[Registration Forms and More Information](#)

TONIGHT: VDOT Public Hearing on Metrorail Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements May 27



A virtual public hearing will be held on **Thursday, May 27** at **6:30pm** to update residents about the project to construct missing segments in the bicycle and pedestrian network within two miles of the future Loudoun Gateway and Ashburn Metrorail stations.

The public hearing will be held as a virtual/online meeting. Information for accessing and participating in the virtual meeting is available [online](#). The project team will make a short presentation beginning at 6:30 p.m. and answer questions for about an hour after the presentation.

Give your comments during the meeting, or **by June 7, 2021** via the comment form on the [project website, by email](#) (please reference "Loudoun County Metrorail Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements" in the subject line), or by mail to:

RE: Mr. Zamir Mirza
Virginia Department of Transportation
4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, VA 22030

[Get More Information](#)

APPLY TODAY: Task Force on Renaming Harry Byrd and John Mosby Highways

At the May 18, 2021 business meeting, the Board of Supervisors approved renaming primary roads Harry Byrd Highway (Route 7) and John Mosby Highway (Route 50), with a timeline that will extend into 2022 and includes public outreach.

For more info on the specific tasks and action items, please see [Table 1 in the BMI agenda item](#).



NOTE: The naming of Route 7 through Leesburg will not change as the County government does not have authority to change road names within an incorporated town. Therefore, it will remain named Market Street.

Also approved during the meeting was the following:

- Establish a capital project account in the Capital Projects Fund for the renaming and sign replacement, and send the remaining estimated costs to the Capital Improvement Program FY21 fund balance discussion for consideration and prioritization;
- Explore a stipend program for those affected by the name change; and
- **Create a Task Force comprised of seven members of the Heritage Commission plus one appointee by each Board member.**

If you are interested in serving as the Sterling District appointee on the Task Force please email my office at Koran.Saines@loudoun.gov by close of business on Friday, June 11th.

Pool and Water Safety



As swimming pools across the area open this Memorial Day weekend and we take to the water to cool off, Loudoun County Fire and Rescue Officials remind residents to be vigilant about pool and water safety.

The USA Swimming Foundation reports nearly 90 children younger than 15 drowned in a

pool or spa from January 2018 through May 2018, and every year about 19 children drown during the July 4 holiday alone.

Loudoun County Fire and Rescue encourages residents to follow these water safety tips and educate your family about water safety before your next trip to the pool.

Following the water safety recommendations available at the link below and always ensuring you have a means to call 911 for help can keep your family safe during the summer season.

[Water Safety Tips](#)

REMINDER: Satellite Voting Locations Open Saturday May 29

Early voting at satellite locations other than the Office of Elections in Leesburg (750 Miller Drive SE) will begin on ***Saturday, May 29th.***

Early voting hours at these locations may vary--please visit the link below for more information.

Please make note that the window for in-person early voting at these locations is only one-week long. The last day to vote early in-person will be Saturday, June 5th.

EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS-STERLING

ADDRESS- 21641 RIDGETOP CIRCLE, STERLING, 20166

EARLY VOTING STARTS- SATURDAY, MAY 29, 2021

- EARLY VOTING HOURS:
- SATURDAY, MAY 29, 2021 - 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 - TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2021 - 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM
 - WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 2021 - 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 - THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 2021 - 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM
 - SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 2021 - 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Satellite Voting Locations

- Loudoun County Government Office at Ridgetop - 21641 Ridgetop Circle, Sterling, 20166
- Dulles South Senior Center - 24950 Riding Center Drive, South Riding, 20152
- Carver Senior Center - 200 E Willie Palmer Way, Purcellville, 20132

[More Information](#)

REMINDER: Virginians Can Enroll in 2021 Health Insurance Marketplace Through August 15



More Virginians who buy health insurance through [HealthCare.gov](#) Marketplace may now qualify for financial help with those premiums. Virginians who already receive financial help could be eligible for additional savings on health insurance coverage following Congress' passage of the American Rescue Plan of 2021 (ARP).

Approximately 77,000 uninsured Virginians are newly eligible for tax credits that reduce the cost of their health insurance premiums.

An estimated four out of five enrollees may be able to find a plan for \$10 or less per month with these tax credits. A family of four with household income of \$90,000 could see premiums reduced by approximately \$200 per month.

Following a Special Enrollment Period that began earlier this year, enrollment is now open through August 15 – no qualifying life event is necessary. If you already are covered through the [Marketplace](#), you will need to re-enroll to take advantage of the new savings.

[Learn More](#)

REMINDER: County Recreation Centers Hold Membership Pass Sale

Annual and six-month recreational memberships for Claude Moore Recreation and Community Center (CMRCC) and Dulles South Recreation and Community Center (DSRCC) are discounted 15% **through June 14, 2021.**



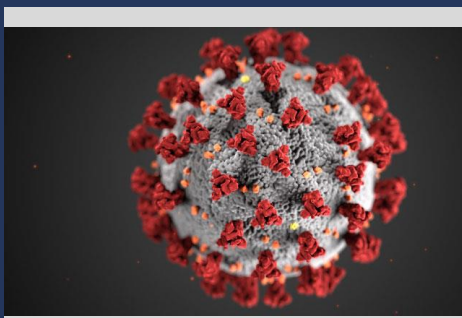
Admission passes include access to:

- Climbing wall during scheduled times
- Competition pool
- Fitness Center
- Group Exercise Classes
- Gymnasium
- Indoor track
- Leisure pool

Find more information [online](#). Sale passes can be purchased at CMRCC located at 46015 Loudoun Park Lane in Sterling, or DSRCC located at 24950 Riding Center Drive in South Riding.

[Sign up for text and email alerts about PRCS news and events](#)

Stay Informed!



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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 coughing or sneezing.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

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.

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Avoid contact with sick people.
- Avoid non-essential travel.

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