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COVID-19 Updates & Important Information

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Virginians Can Enroll in 2021 Health Insurance Marketplace Through August 15

**Health
Care
.gov**

Virginians who buy health insurance through the [Healthcare 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](#)

DONATE TODAY: Sterling District Back-to-School Supply Drive

August is here and that means students will be back in school in just a few weeks!

A new school year involves back-to-school costs, which can be challenging for so many families.

During the month of August, My office is hosting another Back-to-School Supply Drive to assist students, families, and educators in the Sterling District alleviate the burden of back-to-school shopping as much as possible.



High-need items include:

- Dry erase markers
- Cleaning and COVID supplies (masks, hand sanitizer, tissues, sanitizing wipes, etc.)
- Colored folders with pockets and prongs
- Backpacks and lunch boxes
- Ear buds and headphones
- Hard pencil boxes/cases
- Writing utensils (pre-sharpened #2 pencils, multicolor highlighters, markers, crayons, etc.)
- Glue, glue sticks, and tape

- Paper items (packs of loose-leaf paper, spiral & composition notebooks, index cards, etc.)
- Three-ring binders (between 1"-3")

Collection boxes for community members to donate school supply items are currently available at:

Sterling Library

22330 S. Sterling Blvd., Suite A117, Sterling, VA 20164

Daybreak Kitchen & Biscuit Company/Nectar Cocktail Bar

22455 Davis Dr., Suite 133, Sterling, VA 20164

Joe's Pizzeria

22360 S. Sterling Blvd., #103, Sterling, VA 20164

If businesses are interested in hosting an in-house donation drive among staff in support of the Back-to-School Supply Drive or serving as a donation drop-off location, please contact my office at Tianni.Ivey@loudoun.gov or by phone at [703-777-0204](tel:703-777-0204).

Virginia Sales Tax Holiday August 6-8, 2021

Virginia's three-day Sales Tax Holiday begins tomorrow, **Friday, August 6th through Sunday, August 8th.**

The Sales Tax Holiday, which is held annually, beginning on the first Friday in August, is a great opportunity to stock up on qualifying school supplies,

clothing, emergency preparedness supplies, and other products both online & in-stores without paying state sales tax.

What items are eligible?

School supplies, clothing, and footwear

- Qualified school supplies - \$20 or less per item
- Qualified clothing and footwear - \$100 or less per item

Hurricane and emergency preparedness products

- Portable generators - \$1,000 or less per item
- Gas-powered chainsaws - \$350 or less per item
- Chainsaw accessories - \$60 or less per item
- Other specified hurricane preparedness items - \$60 or less per item

Energy Star™ and WaterSense™ products

- Qualifying Energy Star™ or WaterSense™ products purchased for noncommercial home or personal use - \$2,500 or less per item

Detailed lists of qualifying items and more information for retailers can be found in the [Sales Tax Holiday Guidelines](#).

Free School Physicals for Uninsured Children

The Inova Cares Clinic for Families (ICCF) is offering free school and sports physicals for uninsured children in grades Pre-K through sixth throughout the month of August.

Appointments are required and can be made by calling [703-698-2550](tel:703-698-2550).

ICCF provides comprehensive primary care services to patients of all ages who qualify for Medicaid, FAMIS, Inova's Financial Assistance Program, or are uninsured.

ICCF children's services are offered at the Sterling and Manassas locations only:

Sterling

46440 Benedict Drive, #208, Sterling, VA 20164

Manassas



FREE SCHOOL PHYSICALS FOR UNINSURED CHILDREN
for newly-enrolled children, pre-kindergarten through 6th grade, in Virginia

APPOINTMENT REQUIRED
CALL TODAY!

 **703-698-2550** 

 To ensure social distancing, just the child and one parent should attend.

 Masks are required for all participants.

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Sterling - Inova Cares Clinic for Families
46440 Benedict Dr, Suite 208
Sterling VA 20164



8051 Sudley Road, Manassas, VA 20109

Masks are required for all participants and to ensure social distancing, only the child and one parent are encouraged to attend appointments.

[More Information on ICCF](#)

Upcoming Adult Mental Health First Aid Class

Mental Health First Aid

Gain a better understanding of mental illness.
Free virtual training.

Adult Mental Health: August 18 & 19

6:00 - 9:00 p.m. each day

Registration deadline: August 10, 2021.



Find details and register:
loudoun.gov/mhfirstaid



Loudoun County invites you to gain a better understanding of mental illness through our free, virtual Mental Health First Aid trainings.

Mental Health First Aid is a public education, certification program offered by the Loudoun

County Department of Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Developmental Services that teaches you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders. 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.

There are two versions of the program, a general adult program and a program for adults who interact with youth. These courses are offered free of charge to anyone in the Loudoun community.

Next Class

The next class being offered is a general class for adults August 18 and 19, 2021, from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. each day.

The deadline to [register](#) is Tuesday, August 10.

If registration fills, please email LCMHFirstAid@loudoun.gov with "WAITLIST for August 18/19" in the subject line to be placed on a waitlist for this class.

COVIDWISE Express Now Available

COVIDWISE is Virginia's official Exposure Notifications app that lets you know if you've likely been exposed to another COVIDWISE user with a positive COVID-19 test result.

COVIDWISE uses Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) technology to quickly notify users who have likely been exposed to COVID-19 so you can reduce the risk of infection for your friends, family, and help Virginia stop the spread.

The new COVIDWISE Express is an app-less COVID19 Exposure Notifications solution that provides the same privacy and security as the COVIDWISE app version. Enable Notifications and protect your community while protecting your privacy.

[Learn More](#)

Apple iPhone Users: COVIDWISE EXPRESS NOW AVAILABLE

No app download necessary!
Setting up COVIDWISE Express on your iPhone is as easy as 1-2-3!



SETTINGS

Go to Settings on your iPhone and turn on Exposure Notifications.



ALLOW SHARING

Once you opt-in, the system creates an anonymous token for your device. Your privacy is completely protected.



SELECT YOUR REGION

Choose Virginia and complete the onboarding process as directed.

Save Lives, Get COVIDWISE.

COVIDWISE.ORG

*Must have at least iOS 13.7 for iPhone 6s or newer or iOS 12.5 for iPhone 6s, 6, or 6 Plus.



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Harness the Power to be a Better You with LinkedIn Learning!

The Loudoun Workforce Resource Center (WRC) is hosting a webinar **Tuesday, August 10, 2021 from 1:30 – 2:15 p.m.**, to show job seekers

how to access thousands of on-demand courses tailored to their interests and goals.

LinkedIn Learning is now available at no cost to job seekers in Loudoun and Northern Virginia. Unlock access to on-demand courses that can be tailored to your interests and career goals. LinkedIn Learning offers over 16,000+ online courses taught by real-world professionals to help you learn more and achieve success. Join WRC to learn all about what LinkedIn Learning has to offer you and how you can obtain a LinkedIn Learning license.

[Register for the Webinar Today](#)

REMINDER: Vaccination Updates to Note

Lose Your Vaccination Card?

It happens. But all is not lost.

For vaccine card replacement, use the [Vaccination Record Request Portal](#) to view and print a record of your COVID-19 vaccinations.



You may also call the Virginia Immunization Information System (VIIS) Help Desk at 804-495-7135, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday for assistance.

Back to School: Catch up on Well-Child Visits and Vaccines

As your child heads back to school, make sure they have everything they need, including all of their routinely recommended childhood vaccinations.

Check with your child's doctor to make sure your child is up to date.

[View recommended vaccines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

CDC Eviction Moratorium Extended to Areas Experiencing Substantial or High Levels of Transmission



The CDC Eviction Moratorium has been extended to Sunday, October 3, 2021.

The new order is essentially the same as previous order, except it is now limited to counties "experiencing substantial and high levels of community transmission" of COVID.

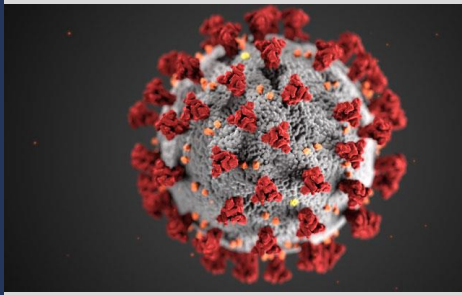
The CDC tracker indicates that there is a "substantial level of community transmission" in

Loudoun County.

A person who previously filed a declaration under prior CDC eviction moratoria issued on September 4, 2020, January 29, 2021, March 28, 2021, or June 24, 2021 may be eligible for protection under this Order and does not need to file a new declaration, if they live in a county experiencing substantial or high rates of transmission of community levels of SARS-CoV-2 and meet the definition of a covered person under this Order.

[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 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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