



Updates & Important Information ~MAY 11, 2022~

COVID-19 Cases on the Rise; Health Department Encourages Self-Assessment, Precautions

COVID-19 Cases Increasing In Loudoun



The number of COVID-19 cases in Loudoun County and across northern Virginia has continued to rise in recent weeks, prompting public health officials to encourage Loudoun County residents to take time to assess their individual and family risks related to the upward trend in case counts, as well as to take additional

precautions if necessary.

“We are beginning to see an increase in the impact of the ongoing transmission of the virus in our region, so I encourage everyone to understand your risk level,” said Loudoun County Health Director Dr. David Goodfriend. “While healthy, fully vaccinated and boosted individuals have a lower risk associated with the upward tick in COVID-19 activity at this time, some members of our community may be

more severely impacted by this trend, and those more vulnerable residents should take added precautions.”

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) bases the [level of community impact](#) on the number of cases and hospitalizations. In jurisdictions such as [Loudoun County](#), where COVID-19 hospitalizations and bed use are low, “medium” impact indicates a community has at least 200 cases per 100,000 population over the previous seven days.

The number of COVID-19 cases in Loudoun has moved from 195 per 100,000 last week to 216 cases per 100,000 over the past seven days. Consequently, the CDC is expected to change the level of impact for Loudoun County to “medium” when it performs its weekly update this Thursday, May 12, 2022. The City of Alexandria and Fairfax County reached the “medium” level last week. Arlington County reached this level of impact about four weeks ago.

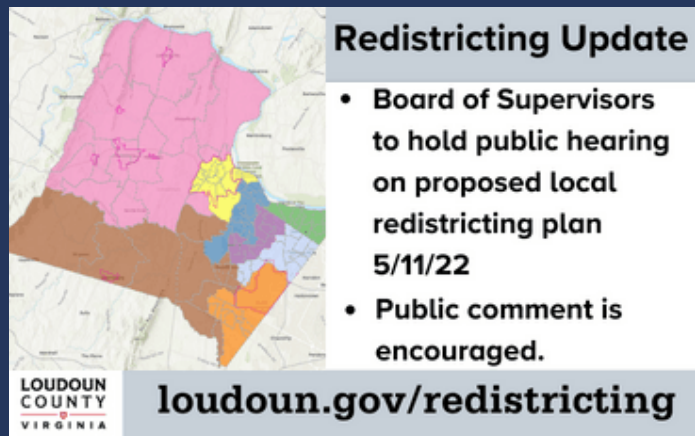
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TONIGHT: Redistricting Update at May 11 Public Hearing

The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on the proposed local electoral district plan, titled the [LT-Revised 1 Plan](#), at the Board’s regularly scheduled public hearing on May 11, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

Members of the public may watch the public hearing on cable TV (Comcast Channel 23 or Verizon FiOS Channel 40), via live stream at loudoun.gov/meetings, or in person at the Government Center (1 Harrison St. SE, Leesburg).

In addition to adopting the election district plan, the Board also will choose a name for District 7. Currently, two name options are under consideration: Evergreen and Little River.

A graphic titled "Redistricting Update" featuring a map of Loudoun County with various districts highlighted in different colors (pink, yellow, blue, orange, green). To the right of the map is a list of bullet points: "Board of Supervisors to hold public hearing on proposed local redistricting plan 5/11/22" and "Public comment is encouraged." Below the map is the Loudoun County Virginia logo and the website address "loudoun.gov/redistricting".

Redistricting Update

- Board of Supervisors to hold public hearing on proposed local redistricting plan 5/11/22
- Public comment is encouraged.

loudoun.gov/redistricting

At its April 5, 2022, meeting, [the Board reviewed](#) a staff analysis of the LT-Revised 1 Plan, which confirmed that the plan can be accommodated by the Office of Elections and Voter Registration and adheres to the ten guidelines established by the Board in June 2021 for the county's local redistricting process.

For more information about local redistricting in Loudoun County, visit loudoun.gov/redistricting.

Loudoun Tourism Grant Application for Fiscal Year 2023 is Online



LOUDOUN TOURISM GRANTS

Grants are available in support of initiatives that drive tourism to Loudoun County.

loudoun.gov/tourismgrant

Loudoun County's annual Tourism Grant competitive process is underway with the posting of the Fiscal Year 2023 (FY 2023) grant application at loudoun.gov/tourismgrant.

The grant program is designed to support local tourism initiatives and events that drive tourists to Loudoun County.

Nonprofits, municipalities and businesses located in Loudoun County are invited to apply for funding for projects to attract regional and national visitors to Loudoun County.

Loudoun County's Tourism Grants are designed to support initiatives that bring more visitors to Loudoun County, increase overnight stays in Loudoun hotels, and enhance the overall attractiveness and marketability of Loudoun County as a destination. These may include new or enhanced attractions, events, programs or marketing campaigns.

Funding from the program is to be spent solely on initiatives that increase tourism or qualifying tourism promotions consistent with state code and the Board of Supervisors' Restricted Transient Occupancy Tax funding policy.

For FY 2023, which begins July 1, 2022, the Tourism Grant process will be supplemented by American Rescue Plan Act funds through the Virginia Tourism Corporation. As a result of these funds, awards for this fiscal year will be increased

from \$10,000 to \$25,000 for eligible tourism, marketing and hospitality-related expenses.

Any organization interested in submitting a request for funds must complete the grant application online. **Applications must be submitted by 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 31, 2022.** Additional information about the process, as well as a link to the online application form, may be found at loudoun.gov/tourismgrant.

Questions about the process may be directed to Darrell Simpson in the Department of Finance and Budget by [email](#) or by phone at [571-258-3482](tel:571-258-3482).

Loudoun Wins National Achievement Awards for Innovation

Loudoun County has been recognized with five 2022 Achievement Awards from the National Association of Counties (NACo). The awards honor innovative, effective county government programs. Loudoun's award-winning programs, which include several that came out of the COVID-19 pandemic, are:



COVID-19 Related Business Grants

Loudoun County's COVID-19 business support program was created just weeks into the pandemic to help fund innovative solutions to accelerate business growth for companies forced to pivot in the wake of COVID-19. Administered by the [Department of Economic Development](#), the program was the first of its kind in the region and among the most successful in the country for providing funding quickly to businesses that were in danger of closing indefinitely.

Discover Your Outdoors

The [Department of Parks, Recreation & Community Services](#)' "Discover Your Outdoors" initiative created recreational opportunities during the pandemic, providing quality programs for physical and mental health while following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's COVID-19 guidelines. The department served more than 100,000 patrons during the most critical moments of the pandemic.

High Threat Team

The Loudoun County High Threat Team is a cooperative effort of the [Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System](#) and the [Loudoun County Sheriff's Office](#). The team is designed to foster cooperation and coordination at all levels between fire and rescue personnel and law enforcement officers to improve response to day-to-day emergencies and acts of violence. The Loudoun team has developed innovative programs that include integrated training, policy development and combined response initiatives as well as full-scale exercises.

Online Community Service Hubs

Although the [Loudoun County Public Library \(LCPL\)](#) was forced to close to in-person service at the start of the pandemic, the staff came up with a way to assist patrons by providing information and services that would help them cope with both isolation and the transition to remote schooling and telework. With the help of schools, local businesses and nonprofits, LCPL created two online sites: The Online Learning Hub and the Quarantine Survival Kit. Over 20,000 unique customers made use of these focused, high-quality information hubs.

Site Assessment Program

The Loudoun Master Gardeners Site Assessment Program assists landowners with best management practices for natural resource conservation and improving the health of the Chesapeake Bay watershed. This program also earned a 2021 Achievement Award from the Virginia Association of Counties.

More Information

- More information about the National Association of Counties and the NACo Achievement Award Program is online [here](#).
- More information about Loudoun County government's award-winning programs is online at loudoun.gov/awards.

[More Details](#)

THIS WEEKEND: LoCo Food Truck Festival May 14th



PRCS is hosting the first-ever LoCo Food Truck Festival with food vendors, live entertainment and games! Bring the entire family out for this event!

This event is free and open to the public. All food truck vendors will be responsible for selling their own products.

Attendees will not be allowed to bring their own food or drink, expect for capped, clear water bottles. No alcoholic beverages will be allowed.

Saturday, May 14
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Segra Field Parking Lots -
42095 Loudoun United Dr., Leesburg, VA 20175

Featuring

Headliner: Todd Brooks and Pour Decisions

Openers: Ben Demase and Kellin Little

Weather Notice

If inclement weather forces the event to be canceled, they will be posted on [Facebook](#) and loudoun.gov/prcs by 8 a.m. of the event day.

Parking

Parking will be available at designated lots throughout Segra Field and Phillip A. Bolen Park.

Restroom Facilities

Portable restroom facilities are available for single-use throughout the event area.

Pets

Service animals are the only animals allowed in the event area.

Vendor Information

[LoCo Food Truck Festival Vendor Agreement \(PDF\)](#)

Current Virginia COVID-19 guidelines will be followed for this event and are subject to change.

Registration for Loudoun County Parks & Recreation Summer Programs Begins May 20

Registration for Summer programs offered by the Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) begins on May 20, 2022.

Adults 55 and older can register for senior activities beginning May 19, 2022.

Summer programs, including swim lessons, theater performances and classes for all ages, run from June through August.

The Guide is available [online](#) and copies will be available at PRCS center and park offices and county libraries beginning next week.

Register online at loudoun.gov/webtrac. Visit loudoun.gov/prcs for more information or call 703-777-0343.

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

Follow @loudounprcs on [Facebook](#) and other social media.



Board of Supervisors Announces Committee Schedule Changes



The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors announces upcoming schedule changes for two of its committees.

- **The Ad Hoc Committee on Advisory Boards, Commissions and Committees** will meet Monday, May 16,

2022, at 3:00 p.m. This meeting was originally scheduled for April 21 but was canceled due to unanticipated scheduling issues that impacted the availability of a quorum for the three-member committee.

- **The Transportation and Land Use Committee's** meeting originally scheduled for Wednesday, May 18, 2022, has been canceled. A special meeting of the committee, focusing on data centers, is scheduled for Wednesday, June 1, at 6:00 p.m.
- **The Transportation and Land Use Committee's** July meeting, originally scheduled for Wednesday, July 20, has been rescheduled for Monday, July 18, at 6:00 p.m.

The committee meetings will be available for viewing on television on Comcast Government Channel 23 and Verizon FiOS Channel 40 and will be livestreamed at loudoun.gov/meetings.

The Board of Supervisors' meeting agendas and meeting documents are posted online at least three days in advance of the meeting at loudoun.gov/bosdocuments.

Bike to Work Day 2022

May is National Bike Month and Loudoun County will host two pit stops for participants of Bike to Work Day to be held on Friday, May 20, 2022.

This annual event celebrates a healthy and fun way to get to work at 100 different pit stops throughout the Washington metropolitan region.

Participants will ride to a pit stop, pick-up free t-shirts and giveaways, and enjoy refreshments before beginning their workday.

Adults planning to participate in this free event are encouraged to register online to pick up a T-shirt at one of the Loudoun County pit stops. Both pit stops are adjacent to the Washington and Old Dominion (W&OD) Trail:

- Leesburg at Raflo Park on Harrison Street, 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
- Sterling, just east of Route 28, at Ruritan Road behind Northrop Grumman, 6:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

[Bike to Work Day](#) is coordinated regionally by the Washington Area Bicyclist Association and Commuter Connections and is held rain or shine. The annual event attracts thousands of cyclists in the region. The local festivities are planned by Loudoun County Commuter Services.

Find details and a link to register at loudoun.gov/BiketoWork.



**REMINDER: Loudoun Surplus Auction Closes
May 12**



You can make your own kind of music – or other sounds – with a Mackie Premium Mic-Line Mixer, which is one of the many items featured in the current Loudoun County surplus auction. The auction also includes Anchor speakers with stands, Dell laptops and desktop computers, large whiteboards, a theater-size

popcorn maker, office furniture and other miscellaneous items. **The auction will close at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, May 12, 2022.**

Detailed information and photographs of the items for sale are online [here](#).

Loudoun County sells selected items online through Public Surplus, which was created specifically for public agencies. Anyone interested in bidding on the items must be registered with publicsurplus.com. Registration is free; however, a 9.75% buyer's premium is charged to all purchases. Loudoun County government and school employees are subject to bidding limitations under the auction terms and conditions, which are available on the Public Surplus site.

Loudoun County has specific hours for buyers to pick up their items at 14 Cardinal Park Drive, Suite 106, in Leesburg. Items must be picked up by appointment, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. or 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. The dates for items to be picked up are noted on each auction item listed on the Loudoun County auction site.

More information about the sale of Loudoun County government surplus items is online at loudoun.gov/surplus.

Loudoun Offers Mental Health Education & Substance Abuse Prevention Programs in May

Loudoun County offers ongoing mental health education and substance abuse prevention programs. All programs are free, but registration is required, and seats are limited. The schedule of upcoming classes for May 2022 is as follows:

Mental Health Education & Substance Abuse Prevention Programs

Free Classes Scheduled for May 2022

- Adverse Childhood Experiences
- Mental Health First Aid
- Opioid Overdose Reversal
- Suicide Prevention

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Register: loudoun.gov/mhsadsprevention

Adverse Childhood Experiences Training

The Adverse Childhood Experiences training is a one-hour educational program that aims to raise awareness of Adverse Childhood Experiences, or ACEs--potentially traumatic events that occur in childhood. The next class will be held:

- May 24: 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

[Register Today](#)

Mental Health First Aid

Mental Health First Aid offers training that teaches people how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorders. There are two versions of the program, a general adult program and a program for adults who interact with youth. The trainings are usually held over a two-day period, with the class lasting for about three hours each day. The next trainings are:

- Adult Mental Health First Aid: May 11 & 12: 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. each day (Virtual)
- Youth Mental Health First Aid: May 17 & 18: 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. each day. (In-person training, Loudoun County Department of Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Developmental Services, 906 Trailview Blvd. SE, Leesburg).

[Register Today](#)

Opioid Overdose Reversal

Loudoun County offers local training sessions of REVIVE!, the opioid overdose and naloxone education program for the Commonwealth of Virginia. Anyone who uses

opioids or knows someone who is using opioids is encouraged to attend. The virtual sessions last about one hour. Upcoming classes are scheduled:

- May 13: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
- May 16: 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
- May 27: 12:00 -1:00 p.m.

[Register Today](#)

Suicide Prevention Training

The [Question Persuade Refer](#) program offers training to help people recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to refer someone for professional help. The suicide prevention training teaches three simple steps that anyone can learn to help save a life from suicide; question, persuade and refer. The virtual training presentation lasts about one hour. Discussion and practice opportunities will follow the presentation. The next class will be held:

- May 19: 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

[Register Today](#)

For more information on the prevention and intervention services offered by the Loudoun County Department of Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Developmental Services, visit loudoun.gov/mhsadsprevention or [send an email](#).

Next Household Hazardous Waste Event is May 21 in Ashburn

Household Hazardous Waste Event

Saturday, May 21, 2022

**Ashburn North Park and Ride
45151 Russell Branch Pkwy
Ashburn**

8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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The next Loudoun County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection event is scheduled for Saturday, **May 21, 2022, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**, at the Ashburn North Park and Ride, 45151 Russell Branch Parkway in Ashburn. Loudoun residents are

welcome to bring HHW from their homes to the event, free of charge.

Event Procedures

- Because of safety concerns related to the handling of various types of hazardous materials, the events feature a drive-through process in which residents are instructed to remain in their vehicles and allow event staff to unload any items accepted for disposal. To ensure everyone remains in their vehicle while at the point of service, items must not be in sealed or tied plastic bags. Staff are not allowed to open any plastic bag containing HHW.

Future Loudoun County HHW Events

All events are from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

- **Saturday, June 25, 2022**, Freedom High School, 25450 Riding Center Drive, South Riding.
- **Saturday, July 30, 2022**, Lovettsville Elementary School, 49 South Loudoun Street, Lovettsville

[View the complete 2022 schedule of HHW events](#)

HHW Contact Information

For more information about the Loudoun County Household Hazardous Waste Program, call [703-771-5500](tel:703-771-5500) or visit loudoun.gov/hhw.

[Details on What's Accepted and What's Not](#)

**Loudoun Workforce Resource Center Offers
Career Workshops During Older Americans
Month**

During May — Older Americans Month — the Loudoun Workforce Resource Center will feature special virtual and in-person events at no cost for those age 50 and up who are seeking job search and career development support.

The Loudoun Workforce Resource Center provides no-cost resources and equipment to job seekers and businesses to help them achieve their employment goals.

Some of the workshops will take place at the center, which is located at 705 E. Market St., Suite E, Leesburg; some workshops will be virtual. Visit loudoun.gov/wrcworkshops for detailed information about each event and how to register.

Events will include:

- **Changing Careers at Any Age:** May 12, 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (Virtual)
- **Senior Community Service Employment Program:** May 13, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (On-site)
- **Workforce Data and Career Trends for Mature Workers:** May 19, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. (Virtual)

Additionally, representatives from the following programs will be on-site at the Loudoun Workforce Resource Center to share updates and information about their respective services:

- **Loudoun County Adult and Aging Programs,** May 10 & May 13, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. each day

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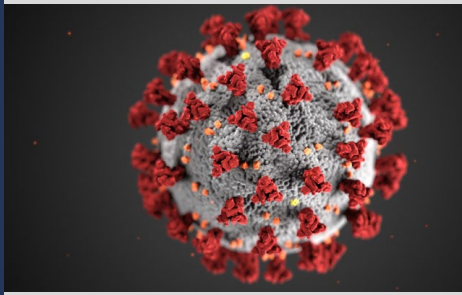
Employment Workshops & Events for Older Adults

- How to Avoid Job Scams
- Older Workers & Smart Job Search Strategies
- Changing Careers at Any Age
- Career Trends for Mature Workers
- And More!

Register: loudoun.gov/wrcworkshops

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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
- 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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