



COVID-19 Updates & Important Information

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VDH Enhances Spanish and Other Additional Language Services on the ASK-VDH-3 Hotline



The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) has updated the VDH hotline to make the process easier for non-English speaking callers to get COVID-19 information and other community health related information. The ASK-VDH-3 hotline recording includes a

greeting in Spanish that helps callers connect with COVID-19 and other public health resources.

The call center works with a translation service to accommodate 200 languages. All non-English callers will be placed on a brief hold and connected to an interpreter, who will ask for the caller's name and assist them with inquiries. A representative will assist them with their inquiries, for example, how to get the vaccine.

The ASK-VDH-3 hotline handles a variety of public health inquiries, such as COVID-19 vaccination questions, information about COVID-19 testing locations,

questions about isolation and quarantine, free community testing events and COVID-19 isolation and quarantine guidance.

The VDH call center is open Monday-Friday from 8:00 am-5:00 pm and Saturday from 9:00 am-2:00 pm at [877-275-8343](tel:877-275-8343). Information discussed with representatives is confidential and protected.

REMINDER: Loudoun County Hosts Free COVID-19 Testing Event January 27

Loudoun County has scheduled another free drive-thru COVID-19 testing event:

Wednesday, January 27, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at Claude Moore Park, 46150 Loudoun Park Lane, Sterling.

COVID-19 TESTING

Wednesday, January 27
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Claude Moore Park
46150 Loudoun Park Lane
Sterling, 20164

Drive-thru only. Free & open to everyone.



loudoun.gov/COVID19testing

The January 27 testing event is 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 in order 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 this event.**

[Register Ahead of Time to Reduce Wait Times](#)

COVID-19 Vaccination Registration Continues in Loudoun



Loudoun County health officials continue to ask for patience from those seeking the COVID-19 vaccine.

When more vaccine arrives, more vaccination appointments will be scheduled. Anyone who is in either the [Phase 1a \(PDF\)](#) or [Phase 1b \(PDF\)](#)

[\(PDF\)](#) priority group and has not submitted information to the Health Department, is encouraged to complete the [online pre-screening survey](#) which is the most efficient method for obtaining an appointment for a COVID-19 vaccination.

If you have submitted the survey, there is no need to contact the Health Department.

First Case of B.1.1.7 COVID-19 Variant Identified in Virginia

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) and the Department of General Services Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services (DCLS) today

announced that the first case of the SARS-CoV-2 variant B.1.1.7 has been identified in a sample from an adult resident of Northern Virginia with no reported recent travel history. The B.1.1.7 variant, which first emerged in the United Kingdom in late 2020, is associated with increased person-to-person transmission of COVID-19.



In the United States, nearly 200 cases of the B.1.1.7 variant have been detected in 23 states as of January 22, 2021. While scientists are working to better understand its impact on vaccine efficacy, early data suggests currently authorized vaccines are effective against the new variant.

[Learn More](#)

Free Support Program for Early-Stage Dementia



A diagnosis of early-stage dementia can be overwhelming. The Loudoun County Area Agency on Aging is offering a free, five-session, virtual program for individuals living with early-stage dementia and their caregivers.

[SHARE For Dementia](#) is an evidence-based, care-planning program based on 20 years of

research by the Center for Research and Education, part of the Benjamin Rose Institute of Aging. Using technology, SHARE counselors support individuals and their caregivers in discussions about symptoms, communication, healthy activities, care preferences and planning for the future.

For more information and to schedule an appointment with a counselor, email aaasupport@loudoun.gov or call 703-777-0257.

Youth Mental Health Virtual Training

Seats are available in the next virtual Loudoun County Youth Mental Health First Aid training scheduled for **February 9 and 10, 2021 from 1:00-4:00 pm**. Adults who interact with young people are encouraged to sign up for the training. **The deadline to register is January 29.**



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.

[Register for the next Youth Mental Health First Aid training](#)

REMINDER: Workforce Resource Center to Host Virtual Job Fair with Local Employers January 27

A graphic for a Virtual Job Fair. It features a woman with curly hair, wearing a white shirt, sitting at a desk with a laptop. She is smiling and looking at the camera. Above her are five circular icons representing different professions: a chef, a construction worker, a pilot, a police officer, and a nurse. The text on the graphic reads: "Virtual Job Fair", "Wed., January 27, 2021", "10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.", "Virtually meet dozens of employers with open positions. Featuring full-time, part-time and flex-schedule job opportunities in Loudoun and the region.", and "Register: loudoun.gov/januaryjobfair".

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The Loudoun Workforce Resource Center will host a Virtual Job Fair on Wednesday, January 27, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

The Virtual Job Fair will feature local employers with full-time, part-time and flex-schedule job openings in Loudoun County and the

region. Over 30 employers from various industries will be attending. Those planning to attend the job fair must register in advance online.

To help job seekers get the most out of the virtual job fair, the Loudoun Workforce Resource Center encourages job seekers to attend the webinar, "Ask an HR Pro: Resumes & Recruitment," on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

[Get More Info and Register Online](#)

Online Communitywide Survey Now Open to All Loudoun County Residents

An online version of the Loudoun County 2021 Community Survey is now open to all Loudoun County residents. Loudoun County surveys its residents periodically to get their feedback on government services, the county's quality of life and priorities for government initiatives. Residents may take the survey online by visiting loudoun.gov/survey through February 1, 2021.

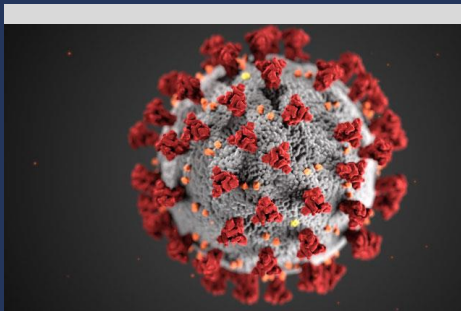


The online version of the survey allows all residents to provide their feedback. In addition, surveys were mailed to a statistically representative sampling of Loudoun County households in December. Responses are anonymous and will be analyzed to provide a full picture of the Loudoun County community.

Loudoun is one of many communities across the United States that use this tool to help improve governmental performance, guide policy decisions, strengthen communications with community stakeholders and identify clear priorities for use in goal and budget setting.

[Learn More](#)

Stay Informed!



The county continues to encourage everyone in the community to take steps to

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Loudoun County encourages residents to stay informed about COVID-19

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.
- Stay home when you are sick.

- 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.

- Avoid contact with sick people.
- Avoid non-essential travel.

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