

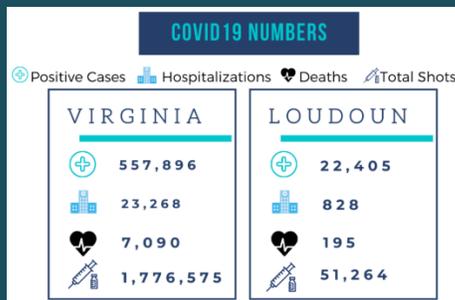


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COVID-19 Update



State and Local COVID-19 Data Summary

Loudoun has joined Virginia's centralized COVID-19 vaccine pre-registration system. For more information on this centralized system, please see the Governor's update below.

While the spread of COVID-19 remains at elevated levels, there have been signs of improvement. Loudoun's seven-day positivity rate has declined since February 11, with the latest seven-day average showing a rate of 9.3%. [Loudoun's data dashboard](#) shows our seven-day average case count has decreased slightly from 126 daily cases on February 11 to 77.6 daily cases as of February 17. At the state level, Virginia's seven-day average of daily cases have also declined since February 11. The most recent available data shows that daily cases have declined from 2,132 on February 11. By continuing to socially distance and registering for the vaccine when you are eligible, these numbers should continue to decrease.

Loudoun County Public Schools' CDC [core indicators](#) remain at a high risk level. The Department of Education and LCPS now are using secondary indicators to help inform decision-making, including the move back to hybrid learning. The local school indicators can be seen here: [Loudoun County Public Schools COVID-19 Case Data](#).

More data resources provided by Loudoun County can be accessed [here](#).

View Comprehensive Data on the Virginia Department of Health Website:

- [Cases, demographics, localities, outbreaks, testing, and more](#)
- [Virginia's Key COVID-19 Measures](#)
- [COVID-19 Data Insights](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccinations Summary](#)

Have questions? Call the VDH hotline 877-ASK-VDH3 (877-275-8343). Language translation services available. Si usted tiene alguna pregunta llámenos al 877-275-8343.

COVID-19 TESTING
February 2021
Multiple Locations
Tuesdays & Thursdays
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Drive-thru only. Free & open to everyone.
LOUDOUN COUNTY VIRGINIA
loudoun.gov/COVID19testing

Loudoun to Host Two Free COVID-19 Testing Events

Loudoun County will hold twice-weekly, free drive-thru COVID-19 testing events at two locations on February 23 and 25. Unlike past testing events hosted by Loudoun County

these events will not be mass testing sites and instead are intended to provide regular, predictable testing opportunities for the community. As a result, capacity at these fixed testing sites will be limited.

February COVID-19 Testing Schedule

The events will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

- February 23 and 25: [Dulles South Recreation & Community Center, 24950 Riding Center Drive, South Riding](#)

The testing events are 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 these events.

Registration Form

To help reduce wait times, people who plan to attend the testing events are strongly encouraged to complete a registration form for each person who will be receiving a test prior to arriving at the testing site. The registration form is required and asks for general demographics and contact information, including name, date of birth, address, phone number and current symptoms, if any.

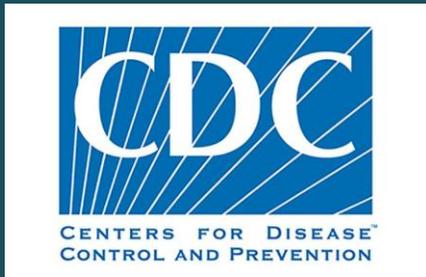
- Registration Form: [English \(PDF\)](#) | [Spanish \(PDF\)](#)

The fillable form may be downloaded, filled out, printed and completed forms should be brought with you to the testing site. Forms will also be available at the testing site for individuals who do not have access to a printer or otherwise are unable to complete the forms in advance.

Future Testing Events

Loudoun County expects to continue hosting COVID-19 testing events on an ongoing basis as long as a need for COVID-19 testing exists in the community. Residents are encouraged to visit the county's website regularly to review the schedule and to access registration forms: loudoun.gov/COVID19testing.

- [Find other COVID-19 testing sites in the region.](#)



You can Improve how Your Face Mask Protects You

Updated guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) emphasizes that wearing a well-fitting mask is important in helping curb the spread of COVID-19. This comes after the CDC posted [results of](#)

[new research](#) that tested different types of masks and found that combining a cloth mask over a disposable surgical mask could significantly reduce the spread of the virus to others. Mask doubling also reduces exposure to the virus for the wearer. The CDC recommends people wear masks with a nose wire that can be adjusted for a snug fit and suggests knotting the ear loops of a disposal mask and then tucking in and flattening the extra material close to the face. [Read the updated guidelines.](#)



Annual Report Underscores Loudoun's Economic Resilience Through Turbulent 2020

Loudoun Economic Development released a special 2020 calendar year annual report on Wednesday, detailing the economic impacts of COVID-19 and how the county responded to unprecedented challenges. The annual report spotlighted the county's comprehensive COVID-19 business services, including:

- Personal outreach to more than 4,000 Loudoun businesses in the opening weeks of the crisis to better understand the needs and best allocation of resources.
- The COVID-19 Business Interruption Fund and Outdoor Seating Grants, which combined for more than \$12 million of financial support for nearly 2,000 businesses.
- The Loudoun Is Ready business health pledge and Take Loudoun Home marketing campaign, both collaborative efforts with Visit Loudoun and the Loudoun Chamber of Commerce to support businesses.
- The Loudoun Jobs Portal, a new tool for jobseekers that aggregates employment opportunities at Loudoun businesses from 10,000 public job boards. The department has since launched a more comprehensive suite of workforce services under its Work In Loudoun initiative.
- The Loudoun Made Loudoun Grown Marketplace, an e-commerce platform provided at no cost to Loudoun farmers and artisans, for the purpose of selling to local consumers. This program received \$270,000 in grants from the USDA and Commonwealth of Virginia to enhance its effectiveness.
- Creating the Data Center Task Force and providing a coordinated point of contact for more than 350 businesses in Data Center Alley, thus ensuring an efficient, collaborative response.

The department's metrics were highlighted by:

- \$6.78 billion in new commercial investment announced;
- 4.9 million square feet of commercial real estate;
- 3,515 new jobs created and existing jobs retained;
- 30 Fast-Track Commercial Incentive Program applications.

For more information, please visit [Biz.Loudoun.Gov/AnnualReport](https://biz.loudoun.gov/AnnualReport).



Governor's Updates

Governor Ralph Northam yesterday invited Virginians to pre-register for the COVID-19 vaccine online at vaccinate.virginia.gov or by calling 877-VAX-IN-VA. The Commonwealth's new, centralized system allows individuals to easily pre-register for the free vaccine, confirm that they are on the wait list, and learn more about Virginia's vaccination program.

Virginia's new website and call center are designed to streamline vaccine pre-registration by bringing disparate processes from local health departments

together under one unified system. Virginians who previously pre-registered for the vaccine through their local health district do not need to sign up again. Those who have already pre-registered have been automatically transferred to the centralized system, and their pre-registration status will not be affected. Data migration will continue throughout the week and it may take several days for everyone to appear in the new system.

Virginia is also launching a new call center for those who prefer to pre-register by phone. The call center is open seven days a week, from 8:00am to 8:00pm. It is staffed by 750 live operators who can answer questions about the COVID-19 vaccine and help people get pre-registered. The call center has English- and Spanish-speaking agents, as well as a call-back service in more than 100 other languages. TTY service is available to assist people who are deaf or hard of hearing. If wait times are long, Virginians can choose to get a call back and avoid having to stay on hold. Call volume is expected to be very high during the first week of operation.

To complete your pre-registration, you will be asked to provide some basic information to determine your eligibility. You will not be asked for your social security number or your immigration status. Anyone who pre-registers will receive a pre-registration confirmation and a reference code that can be used to verify that you are still on the wait list. Individuals can also specify whether they prefer to be contacted by phone, text, or email.

Pre-registration gives Virginians the opportunity to get updates about vaccine availability and to make an appointment when vaccine supply allows—it does not provide immediate access to a vaccine. When you become eligible, you will receive instructions from your local health department on how to schedule an appointment. For the latest information on COVID-19 vaccinations in Virginia, visit vdh.virginia.gov/covid-19-vaccine.



How to Receive Updates or get Questions Answered

Loudoun County staff continues to coordinate answering your COVID-19 health related constituent questions. Please call the Health Department COVID-19 Information Hotline at 703-737-8300 for a quick response (Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday

through Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or [Email the Health Department](#).

Please visit the [County's COVID-19 webpage](#). The [questions and answers](#) page is continually updated.

Please encourage your constituents to view and sign up for updates from Loudoun

- Text LCCOVID19 to 888777 to receive text alerts from Loudoun County about COVID-19
- [Sign up for email and text updates on COVID-19 in Notify Me, Blogs category](#)
- Follow the [Loudoun County Government Facebook Page](#) and Twitter [@LoudounCoGovt](#)

Looking for a Friend During Quarantine?

Check out [the latest pets up for adoption](#) at Ashburn area shelters!



If you are having trouble paying your utilities because of COVID-19, help is available. Visit the County's webpage on [COVID-19 Utilities](#) for program information on:

Columbia Gas
Dominion Power
Loudoun Water
NOVEC
Washington Gas
Wi-fi Connectivity

For More Current COVID-19 Information

Visit: www.loudoun.gov/CoronaVirus

Call: (703) 737-8300

Email: Health@Loudoun.gov

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