



## COVID-19 Updates & Important Information ~MARCH 16, 2021~

### V-safe is Available in More Languages



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.

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 CDC may call to check on you and get more information.

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

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

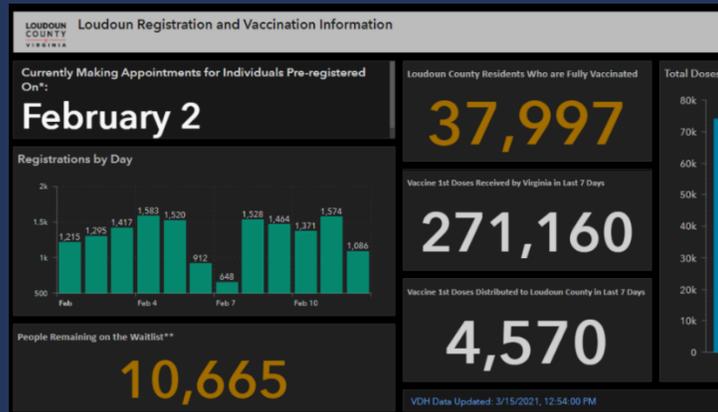
### New Loudoun COVID-19 Vaccine Data Dashboard

Loudoun County has introduced a new tool to help residents follow the county's COVID-19 vaccination efforts.

The [COVID-19 Vaccine Data Dashboard](#) highlights key indicators of progress and status including:

- Date of pre-registration for which the Health Department is currently scheduling appointments
  - February 2, advanced from January 25 in last Friday's report
- Number of individuals remaining on the waitlist
  - 10,655, down 24,729 since last Friday's report

The pre-registration and waitlist information will be updated weekly. The dashboard also includes the number of vaccine doses received in Loudoun County and Virginia and the number of doses administered in Loudoun. That information will be updated daily.



[More Details](#)

## COVID-19 Testing on March 18th

COVID-19 TESTING

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| <b>Tuesday, March 16</b><br>10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.                                 | <b>Thursday, March 18</b><br>10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. |
| <b>Cascades Library</b><br>21030 Whitfield Place<br>Potomac Falls, 20165           |   |
| Drive-thru only. Free & open to everyone.  |   |
| <b><a href="https://loudoun.gov/COVID19testing">loudoun.gov/COVID19testing</a></b> |   |

Loudoun County's free, drive-thru COVID-19 testing events continue with the next event set for

**Thursday, March 18**  
**10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**  
[Cascades Library, 21030 Whitfield Place, Potomac Falls](#)

This is smaller than past mass vaccination events, so the capacity at the site is limited. The testing schedule and links to registration forms that can be filled out ahead of time are available at [loudoun.gov/covid19testing](https://loudoun.gov/covid19testing).

## Twice-Weekly Testing Events

The events will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Please note, these are not mass testing events; a limited number of tests will be available based on the capacity of each location. Remaining events for the month of March will include:

March 23 and 25, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

- Dulles South Recreation & Community Center, 24950 Riding Center Drive, South Riding

[Learn more about testing events and fill out the pre-registration form](#)

## **Updated Guidance for Operating Child Care Programs During COVID-19**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued updated guidance for child care providers to help protect children, families and staff and slow the spread of COVID-19.

The guidance is intended for all types of child care programs, including child care centers, family child care homes, Head Start programs and other pre-kindergarten programs.

The guidance outlines strategies that child care programs can use to maintain healthy environments and operations, lower the risk of COVID-19 spread in their programs, prepare for when someone is sick with COVID-19, and support coping and resilience.



[Get More Details](#)

## Indoor Visitation at Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities Expanded



Families who have not been able to see their loved ones in nursing homes during the COVID-19 pandemic may now be able to visit in person.

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) has announced that health care facilities in Virginia can expand visitation practices for residents and their families.

This comes after the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention updated COVID-19 recommendations for health care settings and after the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services updated nursing home visitation guidance.

[More Details in this VDH News Release](#)

## Space Available in Mental Health First Aid Training March 23 & 24

Anyone interested in having a better understanding of mental illness is encouraged to sign up for one of the next virtual Loudoun County Mental Health First Aid trainings.

The free classes cover:

- Common signs and symptoms of mental illness
- Common signs and symptoms of substance use
- How to interact with a person in crisis
- How to connect the person with help
- Information on trauma, addiction and self-care

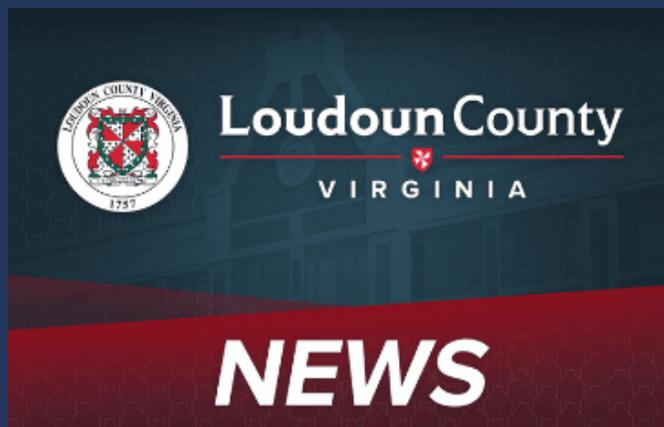


## Upcoming Classes

- A general Mental Health First Aid training for adults is scheduled for **March 23 & 24, 2021, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.** each day. **The deadline to register is TODAY March 16, 2021.**

Find details and a link to register at [loudoun.gov/mhfirstaid](https://loudoun.gov/mhfirstaid).

## County Seeks to Partner with Broadband Service Provider to Apply for State Telecommunications Grant



Loudoun County is seeking expressions of interest from broadband service providers to partner with the county in applying for a Virginia Telecommunications Initiative (VATI) grant to expand access to broadband in unserved or underserved areas of the county.

VATI is administered by the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development. The state-funded program was created to “enhance the sustainability and growth of communities throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia by preparing those communities to build, utilize, and capitalize on telecommunications infrastructure.”

Identifying funding sources for public-private partnerships to build out what is referred to as “last-mile” broadband services, or the final piece of connection, is part of the Board of Supervisors’ ongoing efforts to ensure reliable broadband access to all areas of Loudoun County.

The county will begin to review and evaluate all responses as they are received. **Final submissions are due April 7, 2021.**

[More Information](#)

## Women's History Month: LCPL Female Leadership Series

In honor of Women's History Month, Loudoun County Public Library is proud to present a virtual series celebrating the achievements of local women in leadership positions.

**Thursday, March 18th**  
**12:30 pm-1:00 pm**



Join LCPL online for a conversation with Board of Supervisors Chair Phyllis Randall, where she will talk about her experience and give advice to empower you to be the best version of yourself.

[Use this link to participate.](#) The link will become active beginning at the start time listed for this program.

**Thursday, March 25th**  
**12:30 pm-1:00 pm**

Join LCPL online for a conversation with the president of Northern Virginia Community College, Dr. Anne Kress, where she will talk about her experience and give advice to empower you to be the best version of yourself.

[Use this link to participate.](#) The link will become active beginning at the start time listed for this program.

**Save the Date: National Take-Back Day**



The Drug Enforcement Administration National Take-Back Day will be held April 24, 2021. Stay tuned for locations in Loudoun on LCSO's social media pages and [website](#).

However, Prescription Drug Collection Units are available throughout the county all-year long to provide a safe and environmentally responsible way to dispose of unwanted, unused or expired medication.

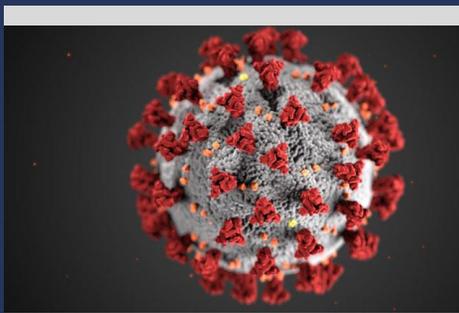
Locations Include:

- Eastern Loudoun Station, 46620 East Frederick Drive, Sterling
- Ashburn Station 20272 Savin Hill Drive, Ashburn
- Dulles South Public Safety Center, 25216 Loudoun County Parkway, Chantilly
- Leesburg Police Department, Leesburg VA Leesburg Public Safety Center, 65 Plaza Street NE, Leesburg
- Western Loudoun Station, 47 W. Loudoun Street, Round Hill

The units, provided as part of a grant through the CVS Pharmacy Safer Communities Program, are intended to reduce the amount of unneeded medicine in residents' homes and decrease prescription drug abuse.

[Learn More](#)

## Stay Informed!



**LOUDOUN  
COUNTY**  
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**VIRGINIA**

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](https://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](mailto:health@loudoun.gov).

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

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