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COVID-19 Updates & Important Information

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Governor Northam Announces Draft Plan for Safe In-Person Graduations and Commencements



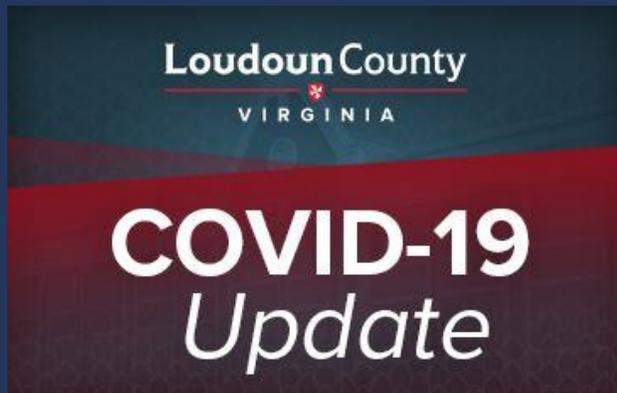
Governor Ralph Northam recently released preliminary guidance for how K-12 schools, as well as colleges and universities, may safely hold in-person graduation and commencement events this spring.

These tentative plans have been reviewed with education officials and are expected to be included in an April 1 update to Third Amended Executive Order Seventy-Two.

[Read the Full Press Release](#)

Update on Saturday Vaccine Clinics

On Tuesday, Loudoun Health reported that the county had canceled its COVID-19 vaccination clinics scheduled for the next three Saturdays. Since then, officials have decided to schedule appointments for Saturday, March 27, 2021.



Those individuals who are in the current priority groups and invited to make vaccination appointments will see the options for available appointment dates and times in the online appointment system at the time they make their appointment. A vaccination clinic is not planned for Saturday, March 20 and due to the Easter Sunday holiday, no vaccination clinic is scheduled for Saturday, April 3.

If you have not already registered for a COVID-19 vaccine, visit loudoun.gov/COVID19vaccine to submit your pre-registration form.

Federal Retail Pharmacy Partners Expand Vaccines to Virginians 16-64 With High-Risk Medical Conditions and Frontline Essential Workers



VDH [announced](#) that pharmacies participating in the [Federal Retail Pharmacy Program for COVID-19 Vaccination](#) may begin to offer vaccination appointments to people ages 16-64 with high-risk medical conditions and

frontline essential workers within Phase 1b, 1-11 (with no priority order).

In Loudoun, pharmacies participating in this program include CVS, Harris Teeter, and Safeway.

Note: appointments at these pharmacies are *not* limited to Loudoun County or Virginia residents.

To find participating pharmacies, visit [VaccineFinder.org](https://www.vaccinefinder.org).

Health Director Provides COVID-19 Update

Loudoun County Health Director Dr. David Goodfriend updated the Board of Supervisors on COVID-19 at the Board's March 16, 2021, business meeting.

His update included a warning for people not to give in to pandemic fatigue. He encouraged everyone to keep taking preventative measures such as wearing masks, staying six feet from others and avoiding travel if possible.

He also talked about the threat of variants of the virus and about the vaccination process in Loudoun.



[Watch the archived video of the discussion](#)

Some VA Health Districts Transition to Phase 1C



The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) announced that some health districts in Virginia will opt to open COVID-19 vaccine eligibility to those in the

Virginia Department of Health's (VDH) [Priority Group 1c – Other Essential Workers](#).

Please note that Loudoun County and Northern Virginia will not be transitioning to Phase 1c at this time.

The Loudoun Health Department (LHD) continues to schedule vaccine appointments for frontline essential workers in the Phase 1b, 1-3 priority groups. LDH is also focusing on outreach and vaccination for higher risk subpopulations.

Those who are aged 65 and older or aged 16-64 with underlying medical conditions who have not received an invitation to schedule a vaccine appointment should contact the Loudoun Health Department at [703-737-8300](tel:703-737-8300) or health@loudoun.gov.

LHD expects to transition to [Priority Group 1b – Frontline Essential Workers, 4-11](#) in the coming weeks. Phase 1b, 4-11 includes food and agriculture, manufacturing, grocery store workers, public transit, mail carriers, officials needed to maintain continuity of government, clergy, and janitorial staff. VDH expects all communities to move into Priority Group 1c – Other Essential Workers by mid-April. VDH expects anyone over age 16 who lives or works in Virginia will be eligible for a vaccine in Phase 2, which is expected to begin by May 1.

Virginia Producer COVID-19 Impact Survey is Online

Are you a Loudoun County producer or agribusiness owner?

Loudoun County farmers and agribusiness owners are being asked to participate in a [survey designed to assess and quantify the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on farms and agribusinesses in Virginia](#).

Researchers at Virginia Tech's Agricultural and Applied Economics Department want to understand the effects of COVID-19 on Virginia commercial farms and agribusinesses. The survey results will help to inform programming by Virginia Cooperative Extension to better serve the community in response to the challenges presented by the pandemic.

[Learn More](#)



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ACA Marketplace Special Enrollment Period

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The COVID-19 Public Health Emergency has affected millions of people throughout the country, and many Americans remain uninsured or underinsured and need access to affordable health coverage. The Affordable Care Act Marketplace Special Enrollment Period (SEP) allows individuals and families to enroll in the health coverage they need.

The Marketplace Special Enrollment Period (SEP) is open through May 15th.

Consumers who want to access the SEP to enroll in coverage and see if they qualify for financial help to reduce the cost of monthly premiums, can visit HealthCare.gov or CuidadoDeSalud.gov to view 2021 plans and prices and enroll in a plan that best meets their needs. Additionally, consumers can call the Marketplace Call Center at [1-800-318-2596](tel:1-800-318-2596), which provides assistance in over 150 languages.

Consumers can also find a local assister or agent/broker in their area by visiting: <https://localhelp.healthcare.gov>.

LCPS Update: In-Person Instruction

Please see the update from LCPS regarding in-person instruction below:

Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS) will begin offering in-person instruction four days a week on Tuesday, April 20, to students currently enrolled in the hybrid model.

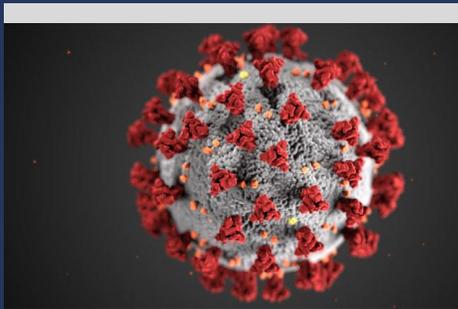


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This expanded instructional model will modify some of LCPS' mitigation strategies. These adjustments are explained in an [FAQ document](#).

Interim Superintendent Dr. Scott Ziegler further discusses the school division's plans and highlights some of the major accomplishments achieved by LCPS during the past year in [this video](#).

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.



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

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

Department's information line, 703-737-8300, or email health@loudoun.gov.

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