



## COVID-19 Updates & Important Information ~MAY 4, 2021~

### Governor Northam Updates Mask Guidance to Align with CDC Changes



Governor Ralph Northam amended Executive Order Seventy-Two to adopt [new guidance](#) from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on mask use in outdoor settings. The CDC guidelines state that fully vaccinated individuals do not have to wear masks outdoors when alone or in small gatherings. Mask use is still required indoors and outdoors at large crowded events like concerts, sporting events, and graduation ceremonies. People are considered fully vaccinated two weeks after receiving the last required dose of vaccine.

[Read the Full Press Release](#)

## Assistance & Donations for Families Impacted by the Chase Heritage Apartments Fire

Women Giving Back is collecting clothes, toiletries, and other items to assist families impacted by the fire at the Chase Heritage Apartments.

Donors can drop off clothes to Women Giving Back this **Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> between 9:00 am-11:00 am** at 20 Export Drive, Sterling, VA. There is a high need for in-season,

good condition children's clothing and shoes, as well as men's casual clothing. WGB will also collect new toiletries at that time, which will be distributed to the families, as well as supplies for kids snack packs and easily prepared meals.

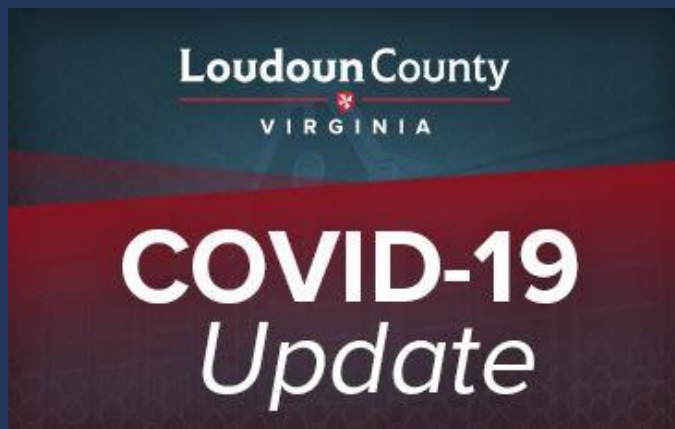
WGB's next public donation date is on **Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am to 12:00 pm** for community members who wish to donate at a later date.

Additionally, New Virginia Majority has established a GoFundMe page to collect monetary donations for those impacted by the fire. Funds raised will be distributed directly to families to use for their needs in the coming weeks, including food, clothes, and rent in their new homes. Please consider donating at the link below!

[Donate Today](#)



## Loudoun Leads Virginia in Key Vaccination Rates



The latest data from the Virginia Department of Health shows that Loudoun leads all Virginia Health Districts in the percentage of those individuals 65 and older and those 18 and older who have received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

As of April 26, 2021:

- 84.9% of Loudoun County residents who are age 65 and older have received at least the first dose of vaccine.
- 62% of Loudoun County residents who are age 18 and older have received the first dose of vaccine.

For those who have not registered to receive a vaccine from the Loudoun County Health Department, you can now [schedule an appointment online](#).

## Shuttle Service from Loudoun County Transit Stop at Dulles Town Center to Loudoun County Vaccination Site at Dulles Town Center

In an effort to increase access to COVID-19 vaccinations, Loudoun County has launched a free shuttle service between the Loudoun County Transit bus stop at Dulles Town Center and the county's vaccination site located at the other end of the shopping mall.



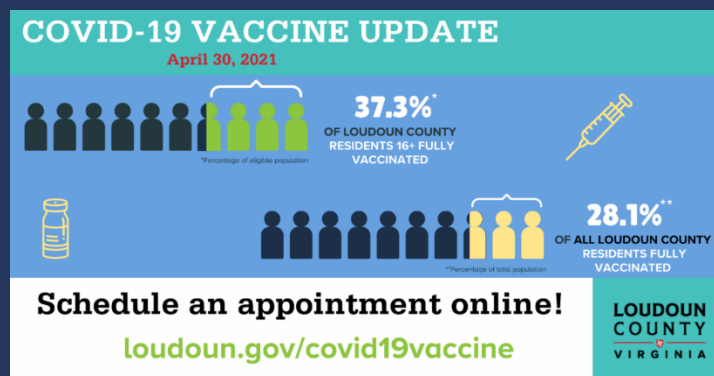
The shuttle, operated by the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services, is running continuously from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day the vaccination site is open. Anyone who has an appointment scheduled at the Health Department's

vaccination clinic and arrives via Loudoun County Transit is encouraged to ride the shuttle.

To get to the vaccination site on a [Loudoun County Transit Local Bus](#), riders may choose from Routes 62, 70, 81, 82 or 84, which serve the Dulles Town Center. Fares for the local bus are \$1 each way.

The shuttle service will help eliminate mobility barriers to vaccination for people who rely on public transportation and may have difficulty walking long distances.

## REMINDER: COVID-19 Vaccine Online Self-Scheduling Now Open to Loudoun Residents, No Pre-Registration Required



Individuals 16 and over can now directly schedule an appointment online to receive a free COVID-19 vaccine at the Loudoun County Health Department vaccination clinic located at Dulles Town Center in Sterling.

The Health Department encourages all unvaccinated people age 16 and older who live or work in the county to schedule an appointment as soon as possible by visiting [loudoun.gov/covid19vaccine](https://loudoun.gov/covid19vaccine). The website includes a link to the online form where individuals can request an account to schedule an appointment. An email address or cell phone number may only be used once to create an account. If an email address or cell phone number was used during the pre-registration phase, that contact information cannot be used again.

After completing the form, individuals will automatically receive an email or text message from the CDC with a link to create an account in the Vaccine Administration Management System (VAMS) and schedule an appointment at the Loudoun County Health Department vaccination clinic. With this change, individuals no longer need to pre-register.

[Get More Details](#)

## REMINDER: Sanitation Services Complaints

As we continue to work with the disposal companies to improve on these issues, please continue to send complaints to my office via email to [Tianni.Ivey@loudoun.gov](mailto:Tianni.Ivey@loudoun.gov) so that we can follow up with representatives of the area's disposal companies directly and help in anyway that we can.



Additionally, for your reference, below are numbers you can utilize to reach your respective company for questions and complaints:

American Disposal: 703-368-0500

Republic Services: 703-818-8222

Patriot Disposal: 703-257-7100

Bates Trucking: 703-212-9395 or 800-840-6454

KMG Hauling: 703-961-1100

## Innovation Grant Applications Open to Kick Off Loudoun Small Business Week



The 10<sup>th</sup> annual Loudoun Small Business Week will take place the week of May 3-7, 2021, in celebration of the resiliency and innovation that brought businesses through the last year. The week's programming and support is provided by Loudoun Economic Development and the Board of Supervisors.

Businesses with fewer than 20 employees comprise 86% of all businesses in Loudoun and provide more than half of all employment opportunities in the county. Early COVID-19 projections in 2020 suggested that nearly 40% of all Loudoun businesses could have been lost. That outcome was prevented, thanks to the response of the Loudoun community to support businesses in their time of greatest need.

[Apply for the Innovation Grant & Learn More About This Year's Small Business Week Programs](#)

## **Pavilion Project at Gwen Thompson Briar Patch Park Delayed**

The Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services previously announced planned renovation projects at Gwen Thompson Briar Patch Park, including replacement of the picnic pavilion, followed by renovation of the volleyball court.



Initially projected for completion in May, 2021, construction of the new pavilion has been delayed until mid-June due to a lack of supply of acceptable fill dirt. To ensure the safety of patrons and access for equipment, some areas of the park may be temporarily closed during renovation projects. The public is asked to respect any construction fencing and signs placed on the property.

Previously completed construction and renovation projects at the park include:

- Playground redesign with shade structures and rubber flooring.
- Trail access and replacement.

- Upgraded tennis court, including pickleball.
- Bridge replacements.
- A retaining wall.
- Installation of an outdoor fitness court.
- Swing set replacement.

The park is located at 21660 Sterling Boulevard, Sterling, Virginia, 20174. For more information, visit [www.loudoun.gov/prcs](http://www.loudoun.gov/prcs) or email [prcs@loudoun.gov](mailto:prcs@loudoun.gov).

## County Offers Free Mental Health First Aid Training in May



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 Youth Mental Health First Aid training for adults who interact with young people is scheduled for May 18 & 19, 2021, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. each day. ***The deadline to register is May 7, 2021.***

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

**REMINDER: First Half Personal Property Tax  
Deadline is May 5, 2021**

The deadline for payment of the first half personal property tax is **May 5, 2021**. Payments received or postmarked after May 5, 2021, will incur a 10% late payment penalty.

For safety and convenience, taxpayers are encouraged to make payments online. Payments may be made:

- **Online:** [www.loudounportal.com/taxes](http://www.loudounportal.com/taxes)
- **Through a mobile device:** Link2Loudoun app is available for free from the iPhone App Store and the Google Play Store. The app allows access to [www.loudounportal.com/taxes](http://www.loudounportal.com/taxes) to pay your taxes.
- **By telephone:** [1-800-269-5971](tel:1-800-269-5971) may be called 24 hours a day. During regular business hours, call [703-777-0280](tel:703-777-0280). Please have your account number and credit card number ready.
- **By mail:** County of Loudoun, P.O. Box 1000, Leesburg, Virginia 20177-1000
- **In person:** Treasurer's Office Locations:
  - 1 Harrison Street SE, first floor, Leesburg
  - 21641 Ridgetop Circle, Suite 104, Sterling

Taxpayers who are having financial difficulties should contact the Treasurer's Collections Team at [703-771-5656](tel:703-771-5656) for assistance.

[More Details](#)



**Personal Property Tax Deadline**

**Wednesday, May 5**

Extended hours at both office locations  
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Tuesday, May 4 and Wednesday, May 5

**For payment options, visit:**  
[loudoun.gov/taxes](http://loudoun.gov/taxes)

Treasurer's Office: 703-777-0280  
Email: [taxes@loudoun.gov](mailto:taxes@loudoun.gov)

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The graphic features a dark blue header with the title 'Personal Property Tax Deadline'. Below the header is a white box containing a yellow banner with the date 'Wednesday, May 5'. To the left of the banner is an icon of a tax document and a clock. Below the banner, text describes extended office hours for Tuesday, May 4 and Wednesday, May 5. Further down, it provides the website for payment options, the phone number for the Treasurer's Office, and the email address. At the bottom left of the graphic is the Loudoun County Virginia logo.

**LCSO and LC-CFRS Announce Dates for 33rd Annual McGruff Safety Camps; Register May 5**





The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office and Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System announced today that the 33rd Annual McGruff Safety Camps will be held in-person June 24 – July 1, July 12– July 15, and July 19 – July 22 at Evergreen Mill Elementary School in Leesburg, VA. A virtual camp will also be

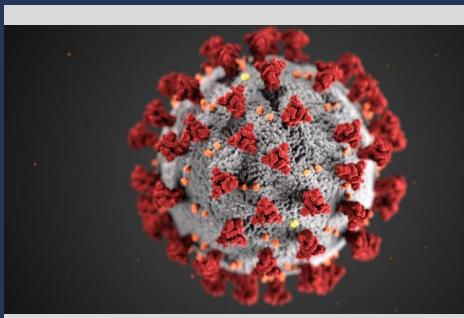
available the week of July 19 – July 22.

Due to popular demand, the camp continues to offer morning and afternoon sessions. All camps run Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. The camps will follow all Virginia and CDC guidelines.

The camps allow children who are entering kindergarten and first grade to learn about various topics on safety including fire safety, bicycle safety, and 9-1-1 emergencies. Throughout the week, children in the camp have the opportunity to meet law enforcement officers, firefighters, K-9 officers, plus a chance to see law enforcement and fire/rescue vehicles firsthand.

Applications for the 33rd Annual McGruff Safety Camps will be made available on Wednesday, May 5, 2021, at 9:00 am. The applications will be available online [here](#).

## Stay Informed!



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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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