



COVID-19 Updates & Important Information ~JUNE 24, 2021~

Get Vaccinated This Weekend



Get Vaccinated at Loudoun's Vaccine Clinic:

The Loudoun County COVID-19 vaccination clinic at Dulles Town Center will be open for walk-in service this Friday, June 25, 2021, from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., and

Saturday, June 26, 2021, from 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Anyone 12 and older may walk in without an appointment to receive a COVID-19 vaccine [during the clinic's scheduled hours](#). (Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.)

Sterling Community Vaccination Clinic June 27:

A community COVID-19 vaccination clinic is scheduled **Sunday, June 27, 2021, 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**, at Rolling Ridge Elementary School, 500 E. Frederick Drive, Sterling.

The event will offer the 2-dose Pfizer vaccine to anyone 12 and older.

Details about this clinic and other community vaccination events are online at loudoun.gov/vaccineevents.

Star Spangled Sterling

Join Loudoun County Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, the Sterling Community Center, Sterling Golf Club, and your fellow Sterling community members for an evening of fireworks and fun at this year's Star Spangled Sterling event!

The event will be held **Friday, July 2nd from 7:00-9:30 pm** at the Sterling Middle School Track Field (201 W. Holly Ave).

In addition to fireworks, there will be food trucks, live music, games and obstacle courses, crafts, an outdoor movie, and more.

More Information

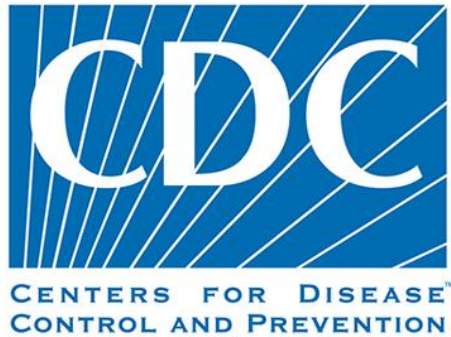
For more information, contact Loudoun County Parks, Recreation and Community Services.

[Sign up for text and email alerts](#) about PRCS news and events.

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CDC Director Extends the Eviction Moratorium for 30 Days



CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky has signed an extension to the eviction moratorium further preventing the eviction of tenants who are unable to make rental payments.

The moratorium that was scheduled to expire on June 30, 2021 is now extended through July 31, 2021 and this is intended to be the final extension of the moratorium.

The COVID-19 pandemic has presented a historic threat to the nation's public health. Keeping people in their homes and out of crowded or congregate settings — like homeless shelters — by preventing evictions is a key step in helping to stop the spread of COVID-19.

The order can be found at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/covid-eviction-declaration.html>

Rental Assistance in Virginia: How to Get It

While state and federal pandemic eviction protections have been extended for an additional 30 days, there is still help available to tenants who have fallen behind on their rent.

To date, Virginia has distributed almost \$250 million to tens of thousands of households, according to the Department of Housing and Community Development, which is overseeing the program.



Who is eligible for help?

Applicants must meet three primary financial criteria:

- The monthly rent must be at or below 150 percent of the federally designated fair market rent for their locality.
- The household's income at the time of the application must fall below 80 percent of the area median income.
- The applicant must have experienced financial hardship as a result of the pandemic.

How to get it?

Tenants or landlords can [apply through the state's website](#). Applications require documentation, some of which must come from the tenant and some of which must come from the landlord.

The tenant is required to provide a proof of income in the form of a pay stub, bank statement, letter from an employer or other official documentation.

Either party can provide a copy of the lease or other documentation outlining the rental relationship.

[Learn More and Apply](#)

Updates from the Office of Governor Northam



Governor Northam Announces Over \$11.1 Million in GO Virginia Grants

Governor Ralph Northam announced an allocation of more than \$11.1 million in Growth and Opportunity for Virginia (GO Virginia) grants to help advance economic recovery efforts across the Commonwealth. This funding will support 20 projects focused on expanding workforce development and talent pipelines in key industries, growing startup businesses and entrepreneurial ecosystems, and increasing Virginia's business-ready sites portfolio.

[Read the Full Press Release](#)

Governor Northam Announces General Assembly to Convene August 2

Governor Ralph Northam issued a proclamation calling the members of the General Assembly into special session on Monday, August 2. A special session is necessary to fill judicial vacancies and allocate more than \$4.3 billion in federal relief funding.

[Read the Full Press Release](#)

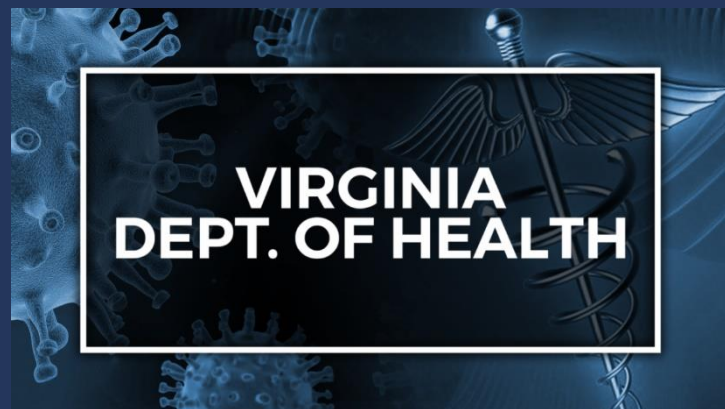
Governor Northam Announces Virginia's Unemployment Rate Fell to 4.5 Percent in May

Governor Ralph Northam announced that Virginia's unemployment rate dropped 0.2-percentage point to 4.5 percent in May, which is 4.0 percentage points below the rate from one year ago. Virginia's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate continues to be below the national rate of 5.8 percent.

[Read the Full Press Release](#)

VDH Adds New Variant of Concern to the COVID-19 Variants of Concern Dashboard

On Friday, June 18, 2021, the Virginia Department of Health (VDH), added the Delta variant (B.1.617.2) to the Variants of Concern (VOC) Dashboard. This variant was changed recently by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) from a variant of interest to a variant of concern.



VDH is reporting 41 cases of this variant that have been identified in four of the five health regions since March 2021.

Some variants of SARS-CoV-2 have been classified as variants of concern because they may increase the risk to human health. VOCs:

- Spread more easily
- Might cause more severe illness
- Could escape the immune protection provided by available COVID-19 vaccines or by natural infection with the virus that causes COVID-19
- Could make viral tests less accurate
- Might make some treatments less effective

COVID-19 variants have been emerging and circulating around the world throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. It is likely that these variants are more common in our communities than the number of reported cases suggest. This is because not all COVID-19 positive samples are tested to see what variant type they are. Therefore, it is important now, more than ever, that we all continue following public health recommendations to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

[Get More Information](#)

Free COVID-19 Testing June 29



The graphic is a vertical rectangle with a light blue background. At the top, it says "COVID-19 TESTING" in large, bold, blue letters. Below that, on the left, is a blue circle containing the text "Multiple Locations" in white. To the right of the circle, it says "June 2021" and "Tuesdays" in blue, followed by "10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m." in a larger blue font. Below this, a light blue horizontal bar contains the text "Drive-thru only. Free & open to everyone." in a smaller blue font. At the bottom left is the Loudoun County Virginia logo, and at the bottom right is the website "loudoun.gov/COVID19testing" in blue.

Loudoun County will continue to hold free, drive thru COVID-19 testing events through June. The drive-thru testing events are free and open to all. Details are online

at loudoun.gov/COVID19testing.

The events are scheduled for **Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**, at the following locations:

- **June 29:** [Dulles South Recreation & Community Center, 24950 Riding Center Drive, South Riding](#)

The testing events are free and 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 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 Forms and More Information](#)

Loudoun Nonprofits, Faith-Based Organizations Encouraged to Apply for American Rescue Plan Act Funds

Nonprofits and faith-based organizations serving Loudoun County residents are encouraged to apply for financial assistance available through the county's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. This funding will support organizations that are working to mitigate the negative impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.



AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT Funding Opportunity

Loudoun County nonprofits and faith-based groups affected by the COVID-19 pandemic are encouraged to apply for funding from Loudoun County.

loudoun.gov/grantopportunities

**Applications will be available Monday, June 28, 2021,
at loudoun.gov/grantopportunities.**

County staff will present information on this funding opportunity in a webinar **Wednesday, June 30 at 9:00 a.m.** Anyone interested in attending the webinar should email their name and the name of their organization to nonprofits@loudoun.gov to receive log-on information for the webinar.

The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors recently approved a spending plan for the county's ARPA funding. This plan includes a variety of programs to help the county recover from the effects of the pandemic, including support for the business community, the tourism industry, the county's ongoing vaccination efforts, telehealth and broadband services. In addition, the plan includes an

allocation of \$2.5 million to nonprofit organizations that are assisting the community with COVID-19 response and recovery.

The deadline to apply is 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 28, 2021. Applications will be reviewed, and funding will be provided on a rolling basis.

[Learn More](#)

Loudoun Wins National Achievement Awards for Innovation



Loudoun County has been recognized with nine 2021 Achievement Awards from the National Association of Counties (NACo).

The awards honor innovative, effective county government programs.

Loudoun's award-winning programs, which include

several that came out of the COVID-19 pandemic, are:

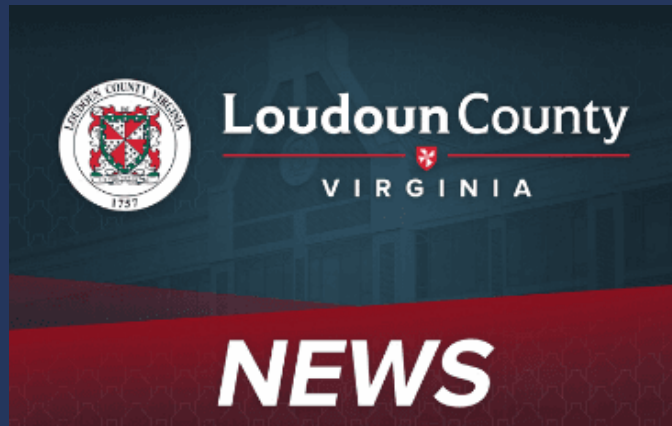
- COLLAB Residency
- **Gwen Thompson Briar Patch Park Project**
- Intersection Crash Reduction
- Online Summer Reading
- PPE Production Initiative
- Prescription Delivery Program
- Remote Court Hearings Program
- Remote Services Program

- Serving Seniors Through a Pandemic

[Learn More About the Awards](#)

Loudoun County Board of Supervisors Adopts Guidelines, Timeline for Local Redistricting Process

At a special meeting on June 21, 2021, the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors adopted guidelines and a preliminary timeline for the 2021 local redistricting process. The Board also voted to maintain its current size, which consists of a chair at large and eight supervisors elected to represent single-member districts.



Redistricting is the process of redrawing the boundaries of districts that elect representatives who serve specific geographic areas. This process occurs every 10 years following the United States decennial census. Loudoun County underwent its last local redistricting process in 2011.

The process will begin after federal census data is released. While the release of that data has been delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is expected to be released in September 2021. County staff can then begin to develop possible scenarios, which will be brought to the Board for consideration at its October 19, 2021 business meeting. A public submission period will take place in November 2021. During that time, members of the public can review and comment on staff scenarios and submit additional plans for consideration.

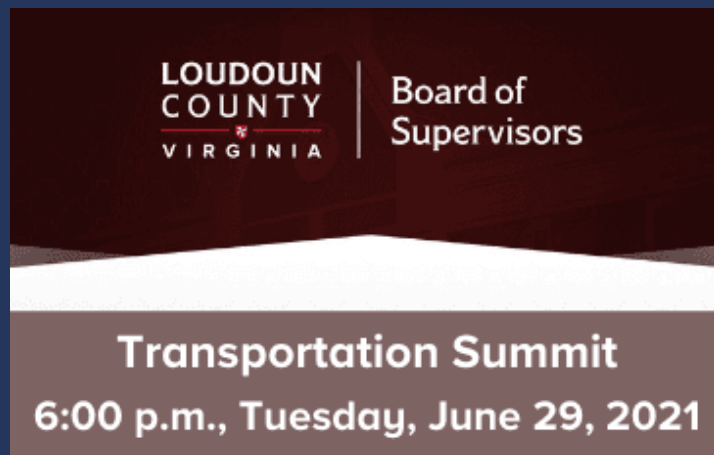
The final plan is slated to be presented to the Board of Supervisors in May 2022, and the map of updated boundaries is expected to be completed by August 2022.

Public involvement is an important part of the redistricting process. The county will provide an online portal through which individuals can view and propose

scenarios for redistricting, and will provide a number of opportunities for public input throughout the process.

[Get More Information](#)

REMINDER: Board of Supervisors to Hold Transportation Summit June 29



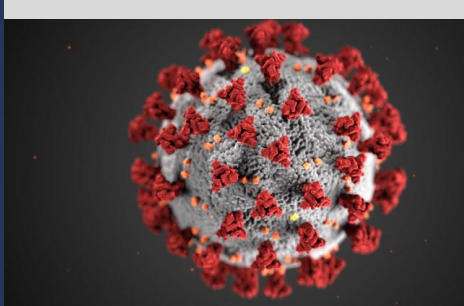
The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors has scheduled a Transportation Summit for **Tuesday, June 29, 2021, beginning at 6:00 p.m.**

The summit is intended to provide Board members with a dedicated opportunity to discuss transportation issues, one of the Board's strategic focus areas. Representatives of the Department of Transportation and Capital Infrastructure will provide the Board with updates on several topics, including:

- An overview of how the Virginia Department of Transportation works with the county on transportation projects.
- An overview of the [Countywide Transportation Plan](#).
- A summary of the transportation project development process.
- An in-depth review of the traffic signal project development process and the county's efforts to streamline the process.
- A status report on implementation of county-led data collection and signal warrant analysis for development applications.

The Transportation Summit will take place in the Board Room of the Loudoun County Government Center, 1 Harrison Street, SE in Leesburg and will be televised on Comcast Government Channel 23 and Verizon FiOS Channel 40 and livestreamed at loudoun.gov/meetings. Documents for the meeting will be posted at loudoun.gov/bosdocuments.

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.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a

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

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.

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