



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

Update on the Afghanistan Repatriation Process



Many residents are following with great concern the current repatriation process of U.S. citizens from Afghanistan and accompanying Afghans who are passing through our area.

Loudoun County's health and human services team is helping to provide support for U.S. citizens through our departments of Family Services and Mental Health, Substance Abuse & Developmental Services specific to isolation and quarantine, behavioral health, and emergency psychiatric services, and light case

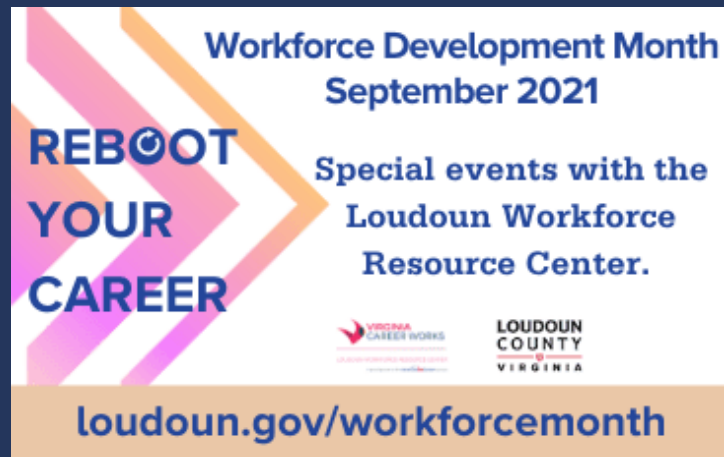
management support. Our Department of Transportation and Capital Infrastructure has been providing transportation resources around the clock for staff to deploy to Dulles Airport and for staff and U.S. citizens to travel to and from the Repatriation Center, as necessary. The Loudoun Health Department

provided COVID-19 testing, with support from Fairfax County, at the onset of this effort until today. The Federal government now has a contracted vendor in place to provide testing. Our Office of Emergency Management continues to serve as a bridge between our departments engaged in this effort and other levels of government.

Loudoun County Government is not receiving or coordinating any donations or supplies. At this time, this effort is a federal response led by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Defense, and the State Department. However, if you are interested in supporting or donating items, organizations to look into are [Commonwealth Catholic Charities](#) and [Arlington Migration Refugee Services](#), the [International Rescue Committee](#), [Church World Services](#), [Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area](#), and the [ADAMS Center](#).

Loudoun Workforce Resource Center Offers Career Assistance During Workforce Development Month

During September -- Workforce Development Month -- the Loudoun Workforce Resource Center will feature special virtual and in-person events at no cost for job seekers and people who are considering changing careers.



Visit loudoun.gov/workforcemonth for detailed information about each event and how to register. Events will include:

- **Ride Confidently: Tapping into TransitApp and SmarTrip® on Loudoun County Transit (Two sessions):** Wednesday, September 1, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.; Friday, September 10, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

- **Community Connections: Drop In & Discover:** Tuesday, September 7, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.
- **Childcare Options for Working Families:** Wednesday, September 8, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- **Remote Work in the New Normal:** Thursday, September 9, 10:00 – 11:15 a.m.
- **Making Work, Work for You - An Introduction to Social Security Disability Work Incentives:** Thursday, September 9, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- **Youth WIOA (Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act) Information Session:** Monday, September 13, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
- **Is WIOA (Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act) Right for You? (Two sessions):** Thursday, September 16, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.; Thursday, September 23, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
- **Transition to Work: Re-engaging with Co-workers and Customers:** Friday, September 17, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
- **Career Conversations: A Panel Discussion & Networking Reception:** Monday, September 27, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- **Managing Your Money – Budgeting & Savings Strategies (Two sessions):** Tuesday, September 28, 12:00 - 1:15 p.m. (English); Wednesday, September 29, 12:00 - 1:15 p.m. (Spanish)

The Loudoun Workforce Resource Center provides no-cost resources and equipment to job seekers and businesses to help them achieve their employment goals.

More information about the center can be found at loudoun.gov/wrc.

REMINDER: Free School Physicals for Uninsured Children



FREE SCHOOL PHYSICALS FOR UNINSURED CHILDREN
For newly enrolled children, Pre-kindergarten through 6th grade, in Virginia

APPOINTMENT REQUIRED CALL TODAY!

703-698-2550

To ensure social distancing, just the child and one parent should attend

Masks are required for all participants

1 July Sterling - Inova Cares Clinic for Families
 46440 Benedict Dr, Suite 208
 Sterling VA 20164 **31 August**



The Inova Cares Clinic for Families (ICCF) is offering free school and sports physicals for uninsured children in grades Pre-K through sixth throughout the month of August.

Appointments are required and can be made by calling [703-698-2550](tel:703-698-2550).

ICCF provides comprehensive primary care services to patients of all ages who qualify for Medicaid, FAMIS, Inova's Financial Assistance Program, or are uninsured.

ICCF children's services are offered at the Sterling and Manassas locations only:

Sterling

46440 Benedict Drive, #208, Sterling, VA 20164

Manassas

8051 Sudley Road, Manassas, VA 20109

Masks are required for all participants and to ensure social distancing, only the child and one parent are encouraged to attend appointments.

[More Information on ICCF](#)

FDA Grants Full Licensure To Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine

Today, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved the first COVID-19 vaccine. The vaccine has been known as the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, and will now be marketed as Comirnaty (koe-mir'-na-tee), for the prevention of COVID-19 disease in



individuals 16 years of age and older.

The vaccine also continues to be available under emergency use authorization (EUA), including for individuals 12 through 15 years of age and for the administration of a third dose in certain immunocompromised individuals.

Since Dec. 11, 2020, the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine has been available under EUA in individuals 16 years of age and older, and the authorization was expanded to include those 12 through 15 years of age on May 10, 2021. EUAs can be used by the FDA during public health emergencies to provide access to medical products that may be effective in preventing, diagnosing, or treating a disease, provided that the FDA determines that the known and potential benefits of a product, when used to prevent, diagnose, or treat the disease, outweigh the known and potential risks of the product.

FDA-approved vaccines undergo the agency's standard process for reviewing the quality, safety and effectiveness of medical products.

[Learn More](#)

Loudoun County Offers Financing Opportunities for First-Time Homebuyers



loudoun.gov/HomeLoanPrograms

Loudoun County announces the availability of \$10 million provided by Virginia Housing (VH) to help first-time homebuyers. The allocation of funding through VH's Sponsoring Partnerships and Revitalizing Communities (SPARC) program will provide lower interest rates

on home loans in Loudoun County for qualifying buyers.

In addition, Loudoun County offers two other homeownership loan programs to help moderate-income, first-time homebuyers purchase a home in the county:

- **Down Payment/Closing Costs Assistance Program:** Loans are used for down payment and closing costs.
- **Public Employee Homeownership Grant Program:** Forgivable loans of \$10,000 are used for a purchase of a home located within Loudoun County.

[More Info on Eligibility Criteria and How to Apply](#)

Loudoun County to Extend Dulles Town Center Vaccination Site Operations by One Week

Loudoun County will continue providing COVID-19 vaccinations to anyone 12 years and older at the Dulles Town Center clinic for an additional week beyond the previously scheduled closure of the facility.

The vaccination site is now scheduled to close permanently at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, September 3, 2021.

**COVID-19
Vaccine Clinic
Extends
Operations
through
September 3**



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This brief extension of services at the Dulles Town Center will bridge the county's vaccination operations to the planned opening of an alternate, smaller vaccination clinic in early September. The details about the opening of a new vaccination site will be provided as soon as possible.

The extension of vaccination operations adds the following vaccination opportunities to the county's existing schedule:

- Friday, August 27: 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Saturday, August 28: 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 31: 4:00 – 6:30 p.m.
- Friday, September 3: 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The county's vaccination site is closed on Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. The complete schedule is posted on the county's website

at loudoun.gov/covid19vaccine. No appointment is necessary; however, residents may make an appointment on the county's website.

[Learn More](#)

Health Officials Recommend Booster Shots Against COVID-19



COVID-19 VACCINE

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Federal health officials have [announced a plan to provide booster shots](#) to those people who have received two doses of either the Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine. The announcement comes as the Delta variant continues to spread and scientific data indicates that the vaccines' effectiveness against the

virus decreases over time.

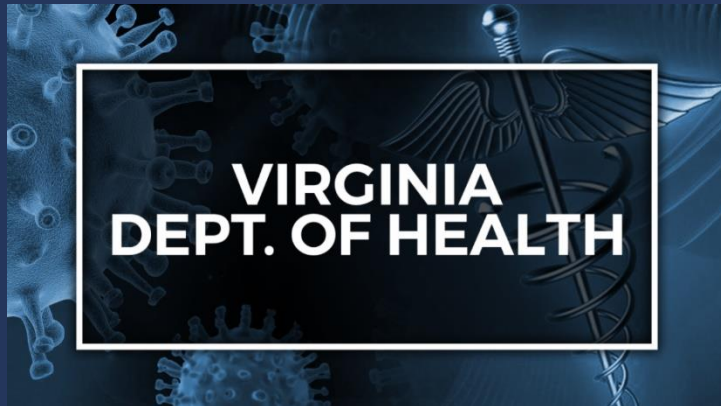
The proposed plan calls for people to get their third dose eight months after receiving their second shot of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine. Details about the rollout of the booster shots are still to come and may change pending a formal recommendation from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); however, officials say the doses could begin the week of September 20, 2021.

Officials say they also expect to recommend a booster for those who received the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine after they analyze more data.

[Learn More](#)

Virginia Department of Health Updates COVID-19 Cases By Vaccination Status Dashboard to Better Inform Public of Vaccine Effectiveness

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) updated its COVID-19 Cases by Vaccination Status dashboard on Monday, August 23, 2021, to more accurately represent the impact of vaccinations on infection rates in the Commonwealth.



The primary change will be reporting rates of infection, hospitalizations, and deaths by vaccination status — fully vaccinated, partially vaccinated, and unvaccinated. The new dashboard will allow comparison of the rate of persons with COVID-19 who are fully, partially, and not vaccinated. Counts of COVID-19 infections, hospitalizations, and deaths of people who are fully vaccinated, called vaccine breakthrough, will also be available at the state and health region levels.

VDH will be reporting an increase in vaccine breakthrough infections, hospitalizations, and deaths this week because of an improvement in data processing. This improvement now allows for COVID-19 cases from the Virginia Electronic Disease Surveillance System (VEDSS, where COVID-19 cases including hospitalizations and deaths are collected) to be automatically matched with immunization records in the Virginia Immunization Information System (VIIS, where all COVID-19 vaccinations are recorded). Previously, VDH staff were performing the match by hand to determine vaccination status, which took additional time. Please note, all COVID-19 data are preliminary and subject to change and will be updated as quality assurance activities are completed.

[Get More Info](#)

**REMINDER: Important Updates from Parks,
Recreation & Community Services**



Claude Moore Recreation and Community Center to Close for Maintenance

The Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services announces the closure the Claude Moore Recreation and Community

Center **August 23 through August 29, 2021**, for annual maintenance. Recreation center operations and land-based programs will resume August 30, 2021. The competition and leisure pools will remain closed for maintenance through September 5. Pool operations and water-based programs resume September 6. Customer service, preschool and CASA Academy will not be impacted by the closure.

Claude Moore Recreation and Community Center is located at 46105 Loudoun Park Lane in Sterling. For membership and information, visit loudoun.gov/claudemoorerec or call 571-258-3600.

Claude Moore Park Visitor Center Closed August 24

The Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services has announced the closure of the Vestal's Gap Road entrance to Claude Moore Park, along with the Visitor Center and adjacent parking lot **Tuesday, August 24, 2021**. The closures are necessary in order to repave the visitor center entrance road and lot. The park can be accessed from the Loudoun Park Lane entrance to the property.

Restrooms at the Visitor Center will remain open. Park staff will be in the caretaker's cottage located near pavilion #1. Park rental reservations can be handled in person at Claude Moore Recreation and Community Center located on Loudoun Park Lane.

Claude Moore Park is located at 21544 Old Vestal's Gap Road in Sterling. For more information, visit loudoun.gov/claudemoorespark or call 571-258-3700.

LCPS Meal Service for School Year 2021-2022

Students that are 18 years or younger can receive breakfast (B), lunch (L), snack (Sn) and supper (Su) meals - free of charge.

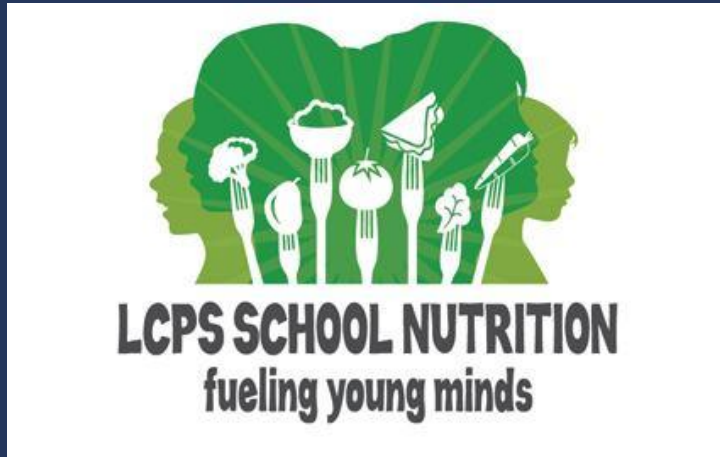
Effective August 30, 2021, Distance Learning students may pick up meals on Mondays only (7 days of B, L, Sn and Su) at any nearby high school loading dock from 9:30-11:00 am. If

Monday is a holiday, meals will be served on Tuesday.

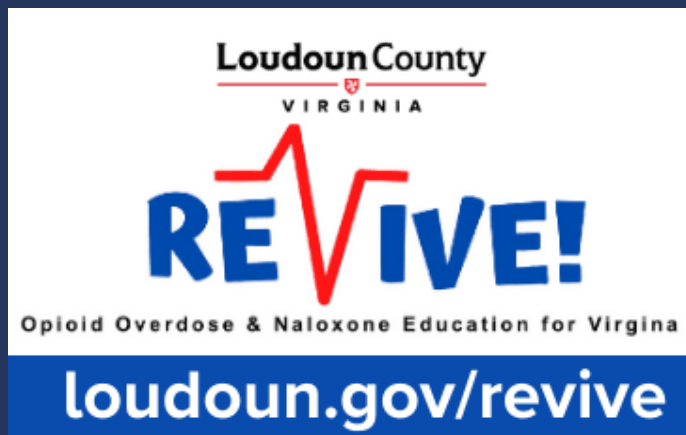
Due to program restrictions, ONE free meal (B, L, Sn, and Su) per student daily. Free meals limited to school days only. Second meals will cost \$4.10. If students would like to purchase additional items, ala carte sales will be available, but restricted to the following items: bottled water and individual menu items including entrees, fruits, vegetables and milk.

Meal accounts, including student allergens, will be accessed at Point of Sale (POS). Funds may be added to meal accounts via My School Bucks or payment at the POS.

[Get More Info](#)



**Learn How to Reverse an Opioid Overdose
August 27 or 30**



Space is available in upcoming sessions of the Loudoun County Revive! opioid overdose reversal training.

"REVIVE!" is the Opioid Overdose and Naloxone Education program for the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Loudoun County Department of Mental

Health, Substance Abuse and Developmental Services (MHSADS), the Loudoun County Community Services Board and the Virginia Department of Health sponsor the local training sessions.

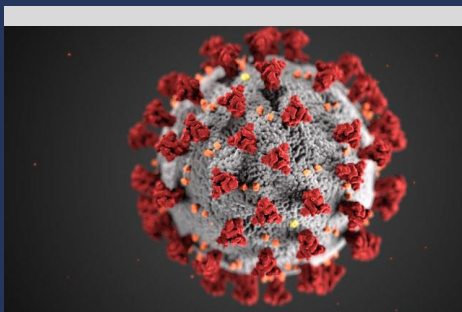
The virtual class lasts about one hour and is free. Anyone who uses opioids or knows someone who does is encouraged to take the class to learn how to recognize and respond to an opioid overdose.

The next classes are scheduled for:

- Friday, August 27, 2021, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
- Monday, August 30, 2021, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

[Get Details and Register](#)

Stay Informed!



The county continues to encourage everyone in the community to take steps to



Loudoun County encourages residents to stay informed about COVID-19

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.
- Stay home when you are sick.

- 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.

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

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