



COVID-19 Updates & Important Information ~SEPTEMBER 9, 2021~

Loudoun County Offers New Mental Health Education Programs

Prevention and Intervention Services

- Adverse Childhood Experiences Training
- Mental Health First Aid
- Question, Persuade and Refer - Suicide Prevention Training
- REVIVE! Opioid Overdose Reversal Training

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In recognition of Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and National Recovery Month, Loudoun County is expanding its mental health education programs with two new training opportunities for members of the public. These programs will be part of the county's ongoing mental health and

substance abuse prevention efforts. All programs are free, but registration is required, and seats are limited.

Suicide Prevention Training

- Tuesday, September 14, 2021, 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, September 28, 2021, 12:00 p.m.

For details and to register, visit loudoun.gov/suicidepreventiontraining.

Adverse Childhood Experiences Training

- Tuesday, September 28, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

For details and to register, visit loudoun.gov/childhoodadversitytraining.

Mental Health First Aid

- Youth Mental Health First Aid: September 15 & 16, 2021, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. each day. (Deadline to register is September 8.)
- Adult Mental Health First Aid: September 21 & 22, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. each day. (Deadline to register is September 13.)

For details about the training and to register, visit loudoun.gov/mhfirstaid.

Opioid Overdose Reversal

- Thursday, September 9, 2021, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, September 13, 2021, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

For details about the training and to register, visit loudoun.gov/revive.

[Learn More](#)

Loudoun COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic in Sterling Now Open

The county's COVID-19 vaccination clinic at Sterling Elementary School (200 West Church Road, Sterling, VA) will be open every Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. by appointment only until further notice.

Vaccinations at this location are free and open to everyone age 12 years and over.

Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. You can [schedule a vaccine appointment online](#).

As a reminder, COVID-19 vaccine is now widely available throughout Loudoun County from many providers, such as medical offices and pharmacies including, but not limited to, CVS, Giant Food, Harris Teeter, Safeway, Walgreens, Walmart and Wegmans.

Visit [vaccines.gov](#) to find the vaccination site most convenient for you.

[Learn More](#)



New COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Opens September 4

Sterling Elementary School
200 West Church Road, Sterling
Saturdays, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
By Appointment Only

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Loudoun County Resumes Free COVID-19 Testing Events



COVID-19 TESTING

Multiple Locations

- **September 7 & 21, 2021**
- **October 5 & 19, 2021**

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Drive-thru only. Free & open to all. Rain or shine.

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As Loudoun County continues to experience a high level of community transmission of COVID-19, the county will again offer free COVID-19 testing events twice monthly to give residents an additional option for free testing. The drive-thru events are scheduled for **the first and third**

Tuesday of the month, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at various locations across the county.

Testing Schedule

The COVID-19 testing events begin September 7 and will be held on Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

- September 21: Claude Moore Park, 46150 Loudoun Park Lane in Sterling.
- October 5: Franklin Park, 17501 Franklin Park Drive, Purcellville (Follow signs to the baseball field parking lot.)
- October 19: Philip A. Bolen Memorial Park, 42405 Claudia Drive, Leesburg (Enter the park on Crosstrail Boulevard from Sycolin Road.)

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 Form

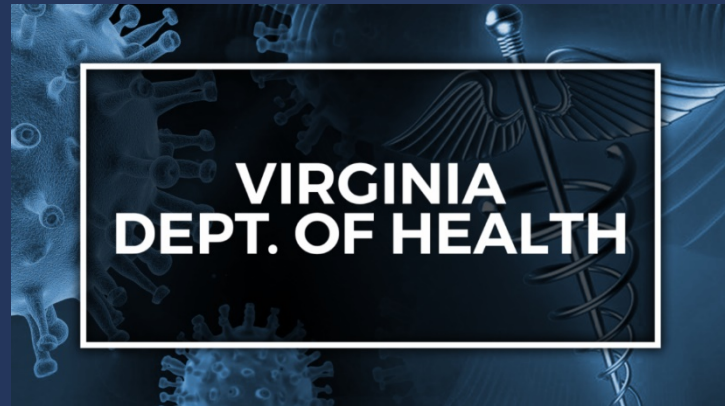
To help reduce wait times, people who plan to attend the testing event are strongly encouraged to complete a registration form for each person who will be receiving a test prior to arriving at the testing site. The registration form is required and asks for general demographics and contact information, including name, date of birth, address, phone number and current symptoms, if any. Questions about insurance may be ignored.

- Registration Form: [English \(PDF\)](#) | [Spanish \(PDF\)](#)

[Learn More](#)

VDH Expanding Testing Across the Commonwealth

In response to an increasing number of individuals seeking testing, the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) is expanding testing events across the Commonwealth. The action comes as cases of COVID-19 are rising, due to the Delta variant, a more contagious variant than the others currently circulating throughout the state.



VDH has added more than 170 Community Testing Events (CTE) in September throughout the Commonwealth. Additional CTEs will be added based on community need and to reduce increasing stress on healthcare providers. For a list of all testing locations, visit the VDH website.

VDH recommends that the following people be tested for COVID-19.

- People with symptoms or signs of COVID-19 regardless of vaccination status.
- Most people who have had close contact with someone known or suspected to have COVID-19
 - Fully vaccinated people should be tested 3-5 days following a known exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19, even if you don't have symptoms.
 - People who are not fully vaccinated should be tested immediately after an exposure and again at 5-7 days following exposure if the first test is negative
 - People who tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 3 months and recovered, do not need to get tested after exposure as long as they do not have symptoms.
- People who participate in activities that are higher risk for COVID-19 exposure (e.g., travel, attending large events where social distancing is not possible, or being in crowded indoor settings)
- People who have been referred for COVID-19 testing by their healthcare provider or the state/local health department.
- People who plan to travel or who have recently returned from travel with some exceptions for fully vaccinated people

- People who are not fully vaccinated and who plan to visit people at high risk of developing severe COVID-19

While vaccination is the most effective strategy to protect individuals, their family and their community, testing remains an important tool to help identify individuals with illness and monitor trends in COVID-19 infection.

Early Voting Begins September 17

WHAT ARE THE THREE WAYS YOU CAN VOTE IN LOUDOUN COUNTY?

- 1 Vote at Home.
- 2 Vote Early.
- 3 Vote on Election Day.



A General Election will be held in Loudoun County on Tuesday, November 2, 2021. Offices on the ballot will include Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, and House of Delegates.

Three Ways to Vote: Pick the Option that Works Best for You

Vote at Home: We'll mail your ballot and important information to you. You'll fill it out following the instructions enclosed, and send it

back. [Learn more about absentee voting.](#)

Vote Early: Early voting will be available for all registered Loudoun County voters at the Office of Elections in Leesburg starting September 17, 2021, and at additional early voting centers in the final weeks before the election. There is no pre-application required to vote early in-person, simply check the locations, dates and times and go vote when it's most convenient for you! [View details on locations, dates, and hours for early voting.](#)

Vote on Election Day: Polls will be open from 6:00 am-7:00 pm. [Learn more about voting on election day.](#)

NAACP Loudoun Golf Tournament

Registration for the Annual NAACP Loudoun Golf Tournament that will be held Friday October 8th, 2021 at Raspberry Falls Golf & Hunt Club (41601 Raspberry Drive) in Leesburg, VA is now open!

Golfers may choose from various individual ticket, group, and sponsorship package options.

All proceeds from this annual event support student scholarships for Loudoun County Public High School Students.

Not able to play this year? Help NAACP Loudoun spread the word and nominate a Sponsor!

For questions or more information on corporate sponsorship opportunities, email vicepresident@naacploudoun.org.

[Get Tickets Today](#)



LC-CFRS Joins Instagram



The Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System (LC-CFRS) is pleased to announce that they have joined Instagram!

Instagram is a free social network that brings people together through the sharing of photos and videos. 71% of those between the ages of 18 and 29 use Instagram

and it is the third most popular social media platform among all US adults,

according to the Pew Research Center. Instagram will allow LC-CFRS to communicate and connect with the next generation in Loudoun County.

Followers will get a behind the scenes view of the Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System. You will be able to see LC-CFRS fire and rescue news and happenings, open houses, training activities, public education events, important safety messages and so much more by following LC-CFRS on Instagram.

"We see the tremendous value in Instagram as both an educational tool as well as a community engagement tool," said Fire Chief Keith Johnson, "Instagram's audience is primarily under the age of 35 and tends to be much more diverse than other social sites. This will help us to better communicate important safety messages and build relationships with younger more diverse groups in our community."

Check out [LC-CFRS on Instagram](#)

NOTE: Instagram should NOT be used to request emergency services. In an emergency always, call or text 9-1-1.

LCSO Issues Warning After Overdoses involving Counterfeit Prescription Drugs

The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) is issuing a warning after two recent fatal overdose cases in Loudoun County involving suspected counterfeit prescription pills.

Health officials in Frederick County, MD issued a similar warning Friday after receiving reports of non-fatal overdoses involving counterfeit prescription drugs, including opiates such as Percocet, M30, other prescription opiates and Xanax.



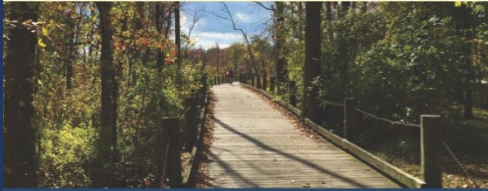
In the past two weeks, the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division has conducted two death investigations that are preliminarily believed to involve street-level Percocet. Both investigations are pending toxicology and it is unclear if the cases in Loudoun County are connected to the reported overdoses in Maryland.

Fentanyl or its derivatives can unintentionally be inhaled through the nose or mouth. Even trace amounts can result in severe adverse reactions putting those exposed to the drug in danger, including the public.

If you have information regarding suspected narcotics activity in Loudoun County, please contact the LCSO Narcotics Hotline by calling [1-833-468-8477](tel:1-833-468-8477).

Let's Talk Trails Focus Group

LET'S TALK TRAILS TAKE HOME \$50



JOIN US FOR A CONVERSATION ABOUT WALKING AND BIKING TRAILS. WE NEED YOUR HELP TO UNDERSTAND THE ISSUES AROUND ACCESSING AND USING TRAILS IN THE POTOMAC HERITAGE NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL.

September 18th
Prince William County

September 19th
Loudoun County

All participants will receive \$50 and a meal at the end of the session. Must be 18 or older and reside in Prince William or Loudoun Counties.

Interested? Register at <https://bit.ly/TrailFocusGroup>. A member of our team will contact you to make sure you are a good fit for one of our focus groups and provide meeting details.



Join the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC), the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail, and the Virginia Health Department for a conversation about walking and biking trails. Your help is needed to better understand the issues around accessing and using trail in the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail.

The Loudoun County focus group will meet on Sunday, **September 19th with two meetings occurring between 10:00 am-4:00 pm**. The focus group will engage community members about their comfort levels and accessibility of the trail for diversity and inclusion, as well as if communities can benefit more from nearby trails.

This effort is part of NVRC's ongoing community impact assessment of the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail in Northern Virginia which includes an assessment of health and social equity impacts (among other factors) of improving trail access, closing trail gaps, and making safe connections to nearby communities.

[Learn More and Register Today](#)

Loudoun County Achieves Compliance with Virginia's Marcus Alert Legislation through RapidSOS

Loudoun County has established a voluntary database that provides emergency responders with important health information in compliance with Virginia's Marcus-David Peters Act, which was signed into law in December 2020. The law aims to provide behavioral health responses when an

individual is experiencing a crisis related to mental health, substance abuse, or developmental disability in the state of Virginia. The bill requires that by July 1, 2021, localities establish a voluntary database to provide emergency responders with mental health and emergency contact information.

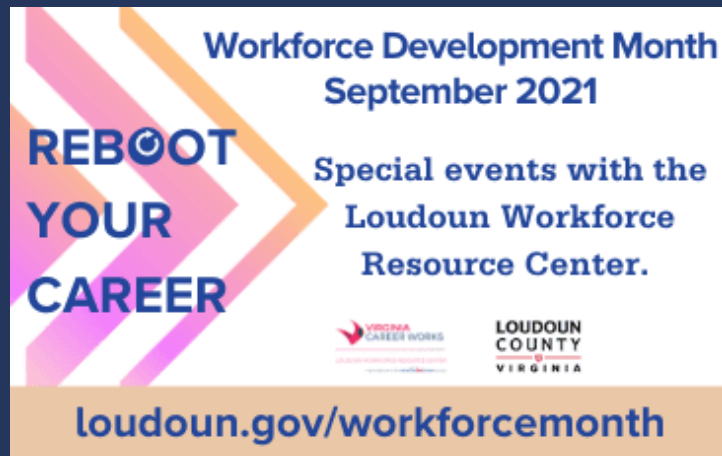
Loudoun County has achieved compliance with the database requirement with RapidSOS, an application already in use in the Loudoun County Emergency Communications Center. RapidSOS is an emergency response data platform that provides 911 telecommunicators with real-time data for registered 911 callers. In addition to enhanced location information, through a partnership with the Emergency Health Profile Association, RapidSOS provides first responders with critical medical information in the event of an emergency.

Loudoun County residents are encouraged to get "RapidSOS Ready" by creating a free emergency health profile at loudoun.gov/RapidSOS. When 911 is called from the registered mobile device, telecommunicators can access the information in your profile to alert first responders to important medical issues, behavioral health conditions, allergies, current medications, medical devices, and emergency contacts, reducing the time to diagnosis and treatment.



[Get More Information](#)

Loudoun Workforce Resource Center Workforce Development Month Programs



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. Remaining events include:

- **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: 2021 Friends of Loudoun Mental Health Walk for Hope

On Saturday, September 25th, Friends of Loudoun Mental Health will host their 2021 Walk for Hope beginning at 9:00 am at Raflo Park in Leesburg, VA.

Friends of Loudoun Mental Health is an all-volunteer, community-based, non-profit organization that helps those disabled by mental illness better their lives by providing assistance for living arrangements, advocating on their behalf for improved care and resources, and promoting recovery and community awareness.

This 1-mile walk through beautiful Historic Downtown Leesburg is a unique opportunity for the Loudoun community to come together and enjoy a fun-filled morning of walking, fellowship, and reaffirming the importance of understanding mental illnesses as well as embracing and supporting the recovery process.

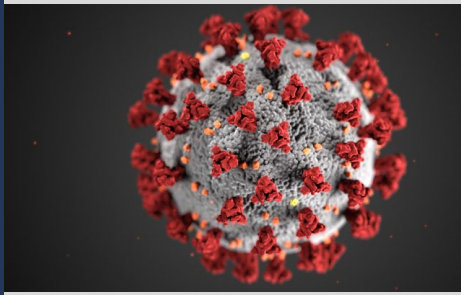
There will also be a yoga instructor present to provide some stretching exercises you can do before the walk and afterwards at home.

Registration is free, but a suggested donation of \$50 is welcomed and will support "A Helping Hand", which is a core program of Friends of Loudoun Mental Health. All proceeds go toward supporting Loudoun residents living with mental illness. For questions or more information, please email friends@loudounfriends.org.



[Register Today](#)

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 tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when

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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.

- 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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