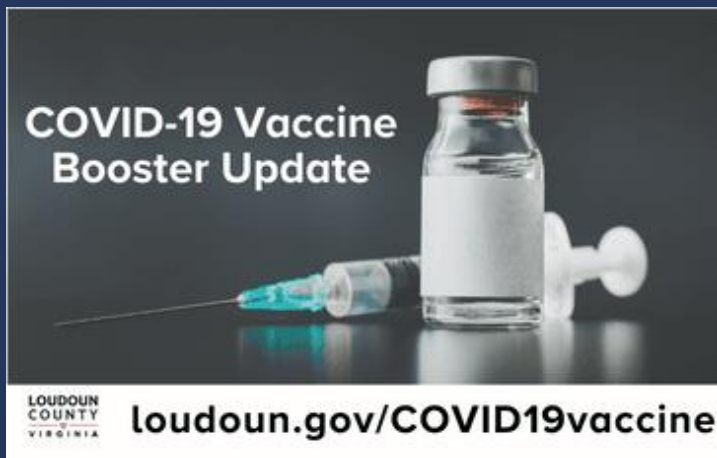




COVID-19 Updates & Important Information ~SEPTEMBER 22, 2021~

COVID-19 Booster Update



On Friday, September 17, 2021, a Food and Drug Administration (FDA) advisory panel endorsed COVID-19 booster doses of the Pfizer vaccine for those who are 65 or older or run a high risk of severe disease. This does not mean, however, that a booster dose is recommended or that Loudoun County can begin

offering booster doses.

Following the FDA recommendation, the booster-dose approval process next requires recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and adoption of the CDC recommendations by the Virginia Department of Health (VDH). Loudoun County cannot offer booster doses until authorized by VDH. The CDC could issue guidance on COVID-19 boosters by the end of this week.

Currently, there is no timeline for recommendations for boosters of the Moderna or Johnson and Johnson vaccine. VDH authorization to begin providing booster doses in Loudoun County may be provided within the next week.

Who is Eligible for COVID-19 Vaccine Now?

Currently, Loudoun County continues to offer COVID-19 vaccination appointments for two groups of people:

- Residents who are 12 and older and have not yet received their first and/or second dose of COVID-19 vaccine.
- Residents who are [moderately and severely immunocompromised individuals](#) and are recommended by the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for a third dose of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine.

[Get More Information](#)

Virginia Adds QR Codes to COVID-19 Vaccination Records

The Virginia Department of Health today announced the addition of QR codes – a type of barcode that can be scanned with smartphones – to Virginia COVID-19 vaccination records.

QR codes – short for “quick response” – are commonly used in retail, logistics, and other sectors. The technology allows anyone to show proof of vaccination with a digital or printed QR code instead of a paper card, and without the need for an app. As more and more employers and businesses respond to calls by President Biden and Governor

Northam to require that employees and customers be vaccinated, QR codes will help improve the consistency and security of vaccination information while protecting individual privacy.



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A person vaccinated in Virginia can visit vaccinate.virginia.gov to obtain their free vaccination record with QR code, which can then be saved to a phone gallery, printed on paper, or stored in a compatible account.

QR codes contain the same information as paper records, but in a format that offers greater security and efficiency. Because the QR code is digitally signed by the Virginia Department of Health, it cannot be altered or forged. Information from QR codes is only available if and when the individual chooses to share it. Businesses and employers that choose to verify an individual's vaccination status can scan QR codes with the [free SMART Health Verifier App](#). Individuals do not need to download an app to use QR codes.

[Learn More](#)

Early Voting for November 2 Election



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.

Early voting for the November 2, 2021 General Election began on September 17th at the Office of Elections in Leesburg (750 Miller Dr. SE, Suite C).

Early voting will be extended to the following satellite sites beginning on Monday, October 18th:

- Loudoun County Government Office at Ridgetop - 21641 Ridgetop Circle, Sterling, 20166
- Dulles South Recreation Center - 24950 Riding Center Drive, Chantilly, 20152

Early voting will begin on Saturday, October 23rd:

- Carver Senior Center - 200 E Willie Palmer Way, Purcellville, 20132
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Loudoun to Hold Two Virtual Public Meetings on Renaming Route 7 & Route 50 Sept. 29

Loudoun County is hosting two online meetings to gain input from the public on the renaming of Harry Byrd Highway (Route 7) and John Mosby Highway (Route 50). The public information meetings will be held on **Wednesday, September 29, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.**

Renaming Route 7 and Route 50

Join us online
September 29, 2021,
at 1:00 or 6:00 p.m.



loudoun.gov/renaming7and50

These two meetings will be identical and have been scheduled to provide added flexibility for the public. Members of the public are invited to attend either of the virtual meetings to receive an overview of the project, information about the Renaming Route 7 and Route 50 Task Force's work to review submitted names and comment on proposed names for each roadway.

Login information and meeting materials are available for review at loudoun.gov/renaming7and50 and loudoun.gov/remoteparticipation, including a speaker sign-up form. **Members of the public must sign up in advance to speak during the event by 12:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 28, 2021.** Online participants may also send questions to the project team as chat messages, which will be answered during the meeting as time allows.

Following the public meetings, **on September 30, 2021**, a survey will be available for the public to rank a short list of proposed roadway names in order of preference. Members of the public will be encouraged to visit loudoun.gov/renaming7and50 to rank each name.

[Get More Information](#)

Increased Cap and New Changes to EIDL for Loudoun Businesses



In September, the U.S. Small Business Administration announced major enhancements to the COVID Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program, a federal

disaster relief loan designed to better serve and support our small business communities still reeling from the pandemic, especially hard-hit sectors such as restaurants, gyms, and hotels.

The SBA is ready to receive new applications immediately from small businesses, including agricultural businesses, looking to take advantage of these new policy changes.

Even if your Loudoun business has received previous loans through the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), Restaurant Revitalization Fund (RRF), or Shuttered Venue Operators Grant (SVOG) it is possible to still benefit from COVID EIDL.

Learn more about EIDL eligibility for small businesses, nonprofits, and agricultural businesses and start your application here: www.sba.gov/eidl

The last day that applications may be received is December 31, 2021. All applicants should file their applications as soon as possible.

[Get More Details](#)

**House of Delegates 2022 Session Page
Program**

The Virginia House of Delegates is pleased to announce that they are starting their Page Program back up for the 2022 legislative session!

Unfortunately, the House of Delegates could not have the program last year due to the pandemic, but thanks to the progress Virginia has made to combat COVID-19, the House of Delegates will revamp the Page Program this year.

The House Page Program curriculum has been updated and now includes more educational, professional and leadership components in the 2022 year. The goal will be for House pages to develop and practice skills in leading others while serving those around them.

The House of Delegates will have 30 pages for this upcoming session. They will be selecting a diverse group of capable, competent, and excited students while maintaining a geographical balance. Pages must be 13 or 14 years old as of January 12, 2022 (the first day of legislative session).

Those who wish to apply to the program must submit their applications by **November 1, 2021 at 5:00pm.**

[Sign Up here to start the application process](#)

Check to see if your child is eligible for the Page Program [here](#).

Read the Virginia House of Delegates Page Program [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#) for more information.

Please Note: All accepted House of Delegates Page Program applicants must be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 by **December 24, 2021, which is 2 weeks prior to estimated arrival of January 9, 2022.** Selected House pages are required to present their CDC COVID-19 vaccination record card.



**Business Hazardous Waste Collection Program
Event October 7**



Loudoun County will host a hazardous waste collection event for businesses and other organizations on Thursday, October 7, 2021.

Pre-registration is required to participate, and must be received no later than Friday, October 1. The program consists of two collection events per year where eligible hazardous

waste generators may deliver toxic, reactive, ignitable and/or corrosive materials for proper disposal.

The Loudoun County Business Hazardous Waste Program is offered for businesses and organizations located in Loudoun County that are considered "Very Small Quantity Generators (VSQGs)" or that do not exceed the following thresholds:

- Less than 220 pounds of hazardous wastes are generated per calendar month;
- Less than 2.2 pounds of acutely hazardous wastes are generated per calendar month;
- Not more than 2,220 pounds (roughly five 55-gallon drums) of hazardous wastes are accumulated on-site at any time.

Hazardous waste disposal through this program typically results in reduced costs for participants as compared to establishing collection service directly with a hazardous waste management company. The business or organization pays for disposal of the material, but does not pay for the waste collection or mobilization.

Visit loudoun.gov/bhwp for registration forms and event information, or call 703-771-5514.

REGISTER TODAY: 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](#)

County Offers Free Education & Support for Caregivers



The Loudoun County Area Agency on Aging (AAA) is offering free, virtual education sessions to help ease the burden and stress of caring for loved ones. The September series began on Tuesday, September 21, 2021.

The next session of the series is:

- **Wednesday, September 29 from 1:30 pm-2:30 pm:** "When and Why to Consider Memory Care" presented by Rachael Wonderlin, MS, with Dementia By Day.

To sign up for these free, virtual sessions, [email aaasupport](mailto:aaasupport). To learn more about AAA programs and community resources, visit loudoun.gov/aaa or call [703-777-0257](tel:703-777-0257) to speak with an aging programs specialist.

The Area Agency on Aging is a division of the Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services.

Child Passenger Safety Week September 19-25

This week (September 19-25, 2021) is Child Passenger Safety Week and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) wants to help keep children safe on our roads.

The goal of Child Passenger Safety Week is to make sure your child is in the correct car seat, that it's properly installed and used, and that it's registered with its manufacturer to ensure you receive important safety updates.

IS IT SAFE? IS IT RIGHT? Virginia law requires all children to be in a child safety seat or a booster seat until at least age 8.

Rear-Facing	Forward-Facing	Booster Seat	Seat Belt
From birth until about age 2, use a rear-facing safety seat.	Keep harness straps snug and the chest clip at armpit level.	Use a booster seat until age 8 and can correctly fit in a lap and shoulder belt.	Use a lap and shoulder belt on every ride.

NEED HELP? Free car seats and booster seats available for low income families. Free Safety Seat Check Stations are ready to assist with proper seat fit. Free assistance available at: www.safetyseatva.org or 1-800-732-8333

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Car seats and boosters are one of the easiest ways to keep your child safe and, when installed correctly, car seats can reduce the risk of fatal injury in a crash by 71% for infants and by 54% for toddlers. Unfortunately, many parents install their child seats incorrectly. Among children under 5, an estimated 325 lives were saved in 2017 alone because they were properly buckled, but an additional 46 children could have been saved if every child was properly buckled.

[Get More Safety Information](#)

LCAS Rabies Vaccination & Microchip Clinic



Keep your pets healthy and safe by joining Loudoun County Animal Services (LCAS) at one of their upcoming low-cost rabies vaccine and microchip clinics.

Dogs and cats as young as 12 weeks may participate in the clinic. Pet owners should bring their cats in carriers. Dogs must remain

on a leash of six feet or less. No flexi-leads, please. LCAS recommends bringing any prior vaccination records, but records are not required.

Upcoming Clinic

Low Cost Rabies Vaccination & Microchip Mini Clinic - LCAS, 42225 Adoption Drive, Leesburg, VA 20175

- Tuesday, September 28, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

This is a drive-up clinic. No pre-registration is required. Please stay in your vehicle, LCAS will come to you!

These clinics are open to all cats and dogs over 12 weeks of age. Please bring cats in carriers and dogs on non-extendable leashes. Cash or check only. To receive the 3-year vaccine for your pet, please bring proof of prior rabies vaccination.

- Cats - \$10 (1- or 3-year vaccine)
- Dogs - \$20 (1-year vaccine and 1-year license) or \$40 (3-year vaccine and 3-year license)
- Microchip - \$15

For questions or more information, please email animals@loudoun.gov.

SAVE THE DATE: Tee off for WGB!

Ready to get your swing on at Top Golf this year?

Join Women Giving Back on **Wednesday, October 13th from 4:00 pm-7:00 pm** at Top Golf Loudoun for their biggest annual fundraiser event.

One-hundred percent of the proceeds will benefit WGB, which supports women and children in crisis on a first step to stability by providing quality clothing at no cost, assisted by a caring and committed community.

Open bar, appetizers, silent auction, single or team tickets and private bays. Bring your family, friends, and colleagues and enjoy an evening at Top Golf Loudoun Rooftop Terrace!

[Get Information on Registration and Sponsorship Packages](#)



REMINDER: 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:

- **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.
- **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: COVID-19 Vaccination Site at Dulles Town Center Reopens

In preparation for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Virginia Department of Health (VDH) recommendations for COVID-19 vaccine booster doses and for vaccinating children ages 5-12, Loudoun County will resume vaccination operations by appointment only at its Dulles Town Center site, located at 21090 Dulles Town Circle in Sterling.



COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic at Dulles Town Center to Reopen September 17

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Sterling Elementary School Vaccination Site Closed

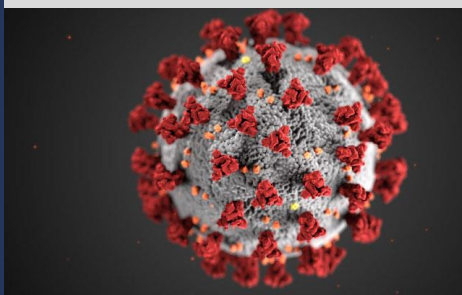
In addition, because the Dulles Town Center site will reopen, the Health Department will cease operation of the COVID-19 vaccination clinic at Sterling Elementary School at this time. Anyone with an existing appointment at the school site will be contacted to transfer their appointment to the Dulles Town Center site.

Vaccine Recommendations

The CDC and VDH are expected to announce recommendations for a COVID-19 vaccine booster dose within the next week, once authorization for a booster is provided by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). It is unknown at this time whether boosters will be recommended for all COVID-19 vaccines or the time interval for receiving a booster. Recommendations for vaccinating children ages 5-12 are expected in the coming weeks. Currently, a third dose of COVID-19 vaccine is [recommended](#) only for people who received two doses of either Pfizer or Moderna and are [moderately and severely immunocompromised](#).

[Learn More](#)

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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