



COVID-19 Updates & Important Information
~OCTOBER 27, 2021~

TONIGHT: Loudoun to Hold Virtual Public Meeting on Route 7 Shared Use Path Oct. 27

A graphic with a green background. At the top, it says "Route 7 Shared Use Path" in white. Below that, on the left, is a white box with the text "Virtual Public Information Meeting" and "October 27, 2021 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.". To the right of this box is a photograph of a road with a red car and a green sign that says "Join us!". At the bottom of the graphic, it says "loudoun.gov/rt7sharedusepath" in white. In the bottom left corner of the graphic, there is a small logo for Loudoun County Virginia and the text "Transportation and Capital Infrastructure".

Loudoun County is hosting an online meeting to gain input from the public on the proposed Route 7 Shared Use Path project **TONIGHT Wednesday, October 27, 2021, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.** Members of the public are invited to join the virtual meeting to learn, ask questions and provide input about the project.

Links to login information and meeting materials are available for review at loudoun.gov/rt7sharedusepath and loudoun.gov/remoteparticipation. Online participants may send questions to the project team during the meeting as chat messages, which will be answered as time allows.

[About the Route 7 Shared Use Path Project](#)

The Route 7 Shared Use Path project involves the design and construction of a 10-foot-wide shared use path along the north side of Route 7 between Campus Drive (Route 391), the entrance of Northern Virginia Community College, and Lakeland Drive (Route 821) approximately 1,500 feet west of the Fairfax County line in Sterling. The total length of the proposed shared use path is approximately 1.3 miles.

More Information

For more information about the Route 7 Shared Use Path project, including a link to sign up for updates about the project and upcoming public meeting, visit loudoun.gov/rt7sharedusepath.

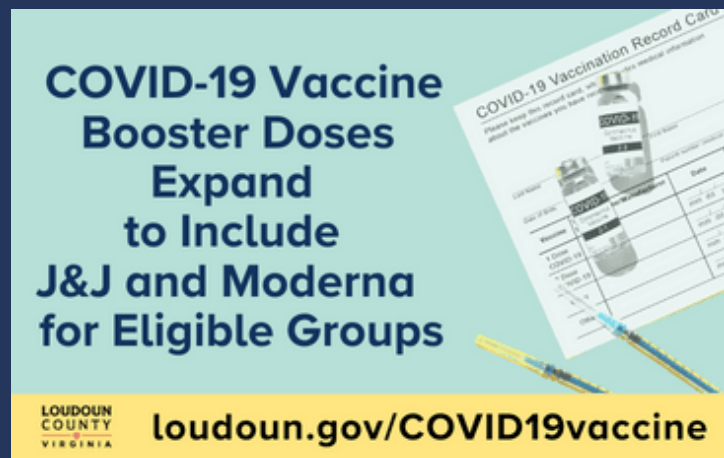
Loudoun to Offer J&J and Moderna COVID-19 Booster Doses in Addition to Pfizer to Eligible Groups

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) has [authorized](#) local health districts to begin administering booster doses of the Johnson & Johnson (J&J) and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines for certain individuals

as [recommended](#) by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC),

and [authorized](#) by the Food and Drug Administration. There are now booster recommendations for all three available COVID-19 vaccines in the United States.

In addition, the CDC and VDH have approved a “mix and match” approach to boosters, allowing people to receive a different brand of vaccine for the booster dose than what they received in their initial vaccine series. For example, someone who received the one-dose J&J vaccine could receive either the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine as a booster.



As of Saturday, October 23, 2021, Loudoun County now offers booster doses of the Moderna and J&J vaccines to the recommended groups, in addition to the previously approved Pfizer vaccine booster, at its Dulles Town Center clinic by appointment only.

[Get More Information](#)

Six Things to Know about the November 2, 2021, General Election in Loudoun

November 2 Election: Six Things to Know

1. Know When to Vote.
2. Know Where to Vote.
3. Bring Identification & Face Covering.
4. Know Who is on the Ballot.
5. Know Who Can Vote.
6. Stay Informed.



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Here are six important things Loudoun County election officials would like voters to know before heading to the polls:

1. Know When to Vote

- Polls in Loudoun County will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 2.

2021.

- **Early voting continues in Loudoun through Saturday, October 30.** Locations and hours for early voting are online at loudoun.gov/voteearly.
- Absentee ballots may be dropped off at [more than one dozen locations in Loudoun](#) through October 30. If returned by mail, ballots must be postmarked no later than November 2. Voters may also drop off their ballots at the [Office of Elections and Voter Registration](#) (750 Miller Dr., SE, Leesburg) or any polling place up to 7:00 p.m. on November 2.
- ***NOTE:*** Voters who have requested and received an absentee ballot by mail, but who then change their mind and want to vote in person, must bring the ballot with them to the polling place. This will likely

also cause a longer-than-normal wait time for the voter because of the process involved in surrendering the ballot.

2. Know Where to Vote

Most voters will cast their ballots at their normal polling location.

Anyone who is not sure about where to vote may check their voter registration card or look up their polling place and related information online at vote.elections.virginia.gov. A list of polling places in Loudoun is available at loudoun.gov/polls.

3. Bring Identification and a Face Covering

Voters will be asked to show an [acceptable form of identification](#), such as a Virginia DMV-issued driver's license. Voters who do not have an acceptable form of ID can sign an ID statement affirming their identity and they will be able to vote a regular ballot.

Due to the COVID-10 pandemic, voters are required to wear a face covering when entering a polling place.

4. Know Who is on the Ballot

Offices on the November 2 ballot include governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, seats in the Virginia House of Delegates, mayor and town council in Middleburg and Round Hill and a town council seat in Purcellville. Three county government bond questions will also be on the ballot. Sample ballots are online at loudoun.gov/novemberelection.

5. Know Who Can Vote

All registered voters in Loudoun County are eligible to vote in the general election.

6. Stay Informed

- Text LCVOTES to [888777](tel:888777) to receive text alerts from the Loudoun County Office of Elections and Voter Registration or sign up for the Election Update category through [Alert Loudoun](#), the county's email and text notification system.

- Follow the Office of Elections and Voter Registration on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Loudoun County Government also posts general information on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).
- Get election results: Preliminary results of voting in Loudoun County in Tuesday's election will be available following the closing of the polls on election night. Loudoun County preliminary results will be available at loudoun.gov/electionresults.

[Learn More](#)

Loudoun County Hypothermia Shelter Opens November 15

The Loudoun County Hypothermia Shelter (located at the Loudoun Homeless Services Center, 19520 Meadowview Court in Leesburg) **will open Monday, November 15, 2021**, for single adults aged 18 and older in the community who are experiencing a housing crisis resulting in homelessness.

Loudoun County
Hypothermia Shelter 

**November 15, 2021-
March 31, 2022**

19520 Meadowview Court, Leesburg
703-777-0420

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The shelter, which provides a warm indoor sleeping environment, meals and shower facilities, **will be open from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., seven nights a week through March 31, 2022**. The shelter also provides information on other community resources, such as food, medical care and employment opportunities.

Free bus transportation will be provided daily at the times and locations listed below:

- Loudoun County Transit Bus Route 82 bus stop across the street from the William Watters House located at 22365 Enterprise Street in Sterling. The bus arrives at 5:30 p.m. and departs at 5:45 p.m.

- Loudoun County Transit Bus Route 57 bus stop near the right rear side of the Shenandoah building located at 102 Heritage Way, NE in Leesburg. The bus arrives at 6:30 p.m. and departs at 6:45 p.m.

On weekends and holidays, the county will also provide a morning shuttle drop-off from the shelter to each of the stops noted above.

[Learn More](#)

RESCHEDULED: Sterling Park Safety Center Groundbreaking Ceremony October 30



The groundbreaking ceremony for the Sterling Park Safety Center will take place on **Saturday, October 30th at 10:00 am at 104 Commerce Street, Sterling, VA 20164.**

This ceremony marks the commencement of construction on the new 22,000 square foot replacement station for the previous station at the same

location.

The Sterling Park Station has served as home to the Sterling Volunteer Rescue Squad and Sterling Volunteer Fire Company since 1970. The staff from Sterling Volunteer Rescue Squad, Sterling Volunteer Fire Company and Loudoun County Fire and Rescue have begun operating out a temporary station as a new station is built to replace the current Sterling Park Station.

Closure of the station is anticipated to last approximately 12 to 18 months. Staff and apparatus currently assigned to the Sterling Park Station will relocate to, and operate out of, temporary facilities located at 203 East Holly Avenue.

The phone number to reach staff for non-emergency business will be [703-430-1780](tel:703-430-1780) or [703-430-7010](tel:703-430-7010). In the event of an emergency, always dial [911](tel:911).

Loudoun County Implementing Security Screening at Three Buildings

Loudoun County is implementing security screening for visitors to three of its facilities over the next few weeks, including the Government Center and Shenandoah Office Building in Leesburg and the Eastern Loudoun Service Center in Sterling.

The security screening is the next step in the county's enforcement of a [new section](#) of Chapter 684 of the Codified Ordinances of Loudoun County adopted by the Board of Supervisors in March 2021, which [generally prohibits firearms and ammunition inside county facilities](#). Member of the public who visit county buildings are encouraged to review the list of prohibited items at loudoun.gov/securityscreening, which highlights other types of weapons that are also not permitted inside county facilities.

Members of the public visiting the three buildings where the screening equipment is installed will be directed to pass through the designated security lane at each building. The screening equipment will be operated by contracted security personnel in uniform. The process is touchless; no one will need to empty their pockets or remove their purse, briefcase or backpack. The system is safe for use with medical devices and is wheelchair accessible. The system is designed to detect weapons and alert the security guards who will be at each station.

[Get More Information](#)

Security Screening in County Facilities

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Visitors will be required to pass through security screening effective:

- Government Center: Oct. 27
- Eastern Loudoun Service Center: Nov. 10
- Shenandoah Office Building: Nov. 17

loudoun.gov/securityscreening

Loudoun Board of Supervisors Approves Examples of Local Redistricting Plans



At its [October 19, 2021, meeting](#), the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors requested that seven examples of local redistricting plans serve as preliminary “starting points” for the Board and the public to consider how the county’s current population can be balanced among election districts.

The examples, prepared by county staff, are based on adjusted 2020 census data provided by the Virginia Division of Legislative Services, as well as on the Board’s adopted 2021 Redistricting Guidelines. The impact of future growth was also considered, especially in areas where the county forecasts substantial population growth from 2020 to 2030.

During November, the public will have an opportunity to view these examples and develop and submit their own plans for consideration. An online mapping tool, which will be available on the [Redistricting Hub](#), will open to the public on November 1 for use in this process. The Board of Supervisors is expected to adopt the final plan in May 2022.

[Get More Details](#)

Loudoun Workforce Resource Center Offers Saturday Seminars in November

The Loudoun Workforce Resource Center will host virtual workshops on three Saturdays in November for Loudoun County job seekers as well as current workers seeking to upgrade their skills.

"We are delighted to once again offer 'Saturday Seminars in November' to support individuals seeking educational opportunities outside the normal business week," said Loudoun County Workforce Team Leader Shelly Rodriguez. "We will be hosting sessions on some of our most frequently requested topics."

Visit loudoun.gov/wrcworkshops for detailed information about each event and how to register.

Events will include:

- Coffee with a Career Counselor:* November 6, 2021, 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. *For details and to register, visit: loudoun.gov/virtualcoffee.
- Navigating LinkedIn for New Users: November 6, 2021, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
- Loudoun County Employment Information Session: November 13, 2021, 10:00 - 11:15 a.m.
- The Mystery of Applicant Tracking Systems: November 20, 2021, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
- Avoiding Job Scams: November 20, 2021, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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

More information about the services provided by the Loudoun Workforce Resource Center may be found online at loudoun.gov/wrc.



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Loudoun Offers Mental Health Education & Substance Abuse Prevention Programs in November

Mental Health Education & Substance Abuse Prevention

New Classes Scheduled for November 2021

- Adverse Childhood Experiences
- Mental Health First Aid
- Opioid Overdose Reversal
- Suicide Prevention



loudoun.gov/mhsadsprevention

Loudoun County offers ongoing mental health education and substance abuse prevention programs. All programs are free, but registration is required, and seats are limited.

The schedule of upcoming classes for November 2021 is as follows:

Adverse Childhood Experiences Training

The [Adverse Childhood Experiences](#) training is a one-hour educational program that aims to raise awareness of Adverse Childhood Experiences, or ACEs. ACEs are potentially traumatic events that occur in childhood. ACEs are linked to chronic health problems, mental illness, and substance use problems in adulthood. The training teaches that ACE prevention is a key to improving a community's well-being. The virtual training presentation lasts about one hour. Discussion and a question-and-answer session will follow the presentation.

The next class will be held:

- November 16, 6:00 p.m.

Mental Health First Aid

[Mental Health First Aid](#) offers training that teaches people how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders. The training also teaches the skills that someone needs to reach out and provide initial help and support to someone who may be developing a mental health or substance use problem or experiencing a crisis. There are two versions of the program, a general adult program and a program for adults who interact with youth. The virtual trainings are usually held over a two-day period, with the class lasting for about three hours each day.

The next trainings are:

- Youth Mental Health First Aid: November 3 & 4, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. each day.
- Adult Mental Health First Aid: November 17 & 18, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. each day.

Opioid Overdose Reversal

Loudoun County offers local training sessions of [REVIVE!](#), the opioid overdose and naloxone education program for the Commonwealth of Virginia. Anyone who uses opioids or knows someone who is using opioids is encouraged to attend. The virtual sessions last about one hour.

Upcoming classes are:

- November 5, 12:00 p.m.
- November 8, 5:30 p.m.
- November 12, 12:00 p.m.
- November 15, 5:30 p.m.
- November 19, 12:00 p.m.
- November 22, 5:30 p.m.

Suicide Prevention Training

The [Question Persuade and Refer](#) program offers training to help people recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to refer someone for professional help. The suicide prevention training teaches three simple steps that anyone can learn to help save a life from suicide; question, persuade and refer. The virtual training presentation lasts about one hour. Discussion and practice opportunities will follow the presentation.

The next class will be held:

- November 15, 12:00 p.m.

[Learn More and Register for Classes](#)

**Human Service Nonprofit Grant Application
Process for Fiscal Year 2023 Opens November**

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Loudoun County's nonprofit grant application process for community nonprofit organizations will open on **November 8, 2021**, when the Fiscal Year 2023 (FY 2023) Human Service Nonprofit Grant Application will be made available

Loudoun Human Service Nonprofit Grant Funding

Nonprofit organizations serving vulnerable & disadvantaged residents of Loudoun are encouraged to apply.

Applications available November 8, 2021



loudoun.gov/nonprofitgrants

at loudoun.gov/nonprofitgrants.

Nonprofits certified as 501(c)3 organizations that provide human services to Loudoun County residents in the areas of need identified and approved by the Board of Supervisors for FY 2023 are eligible to apply for funding.

The areas of need are:

- **Prevention and Self-Sufficiency:** Services focused on assisting individuals and families in becoming and/or remaining independent and stable, and providing tools, skills, strategies, and resources to individuals and families.
- **Crisis Intervention and Diversion:** Services provided to individuals and families in crisis to overcome immediate problems and reduce or prevent the need for more restrictive and expensive higher-level services.
- **Long-Term Support:** Services that focus on assisting individuals who have continuing, long-term support needs to remain healthy, safe and independent in the community.
- **Improved Quality of Human Services:** Services and opportunities provided to individuals, organizations and communities that enhance the quality, accessibility, accountability and coordination of services provided by community organizations.

The online grant application and related documents are scheduled to be posted by 3:00 p.m., November 8, 2021, at loudoun.gov/nonprofitgrants. **Applications must be submitted by 4:00 p.m., December 21, 2021.** The amount of funding for FY 2023 will be determined by the Board of Supervisors as part of the

county's adopted FY 2023 budget. In FY 2022, the budget for human service nonprofit grant funding was \$1.8 million.

Pre-Application Information Webinar on November 9, 2021

Prospective applicants are strongly encouraged to participate in a pre-application information webinar hosted by the county scheduled for **November 9, 2021, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Information on how to access the webinar is available at loudoun.gov/nonprofitgrants as well as at loudoun.gov/remoteparticipation. The webinar will be recorded and will be available to access at loudoun.gov/nonprofitgrants.

[Learn More](#)

REMINDER: Loudoun County Weekly COVID-19 Testing Events



The graphic features a yellow header with the text "COVID-19 TESTING". Below this, a white section contains "October & November" in yellow, "Multiple Locations" in a blue circle, "Tuesdays" in blue, and "10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m." in blue. A yellow bar below that says "Drive-thru only. Free & open to everyone." At the bottom, the Loudoun County Virginia logo is on the left, and the URL "loudoun.gov/COVID19testing" is in white on a blue background.

Loudoun County is expanding its twice-a-month COVID-19 testing events to weekly, as of Tuesday, October 12, 2021.

The additional testing events will give residents more options for free testing as the county continues to experience a high level of community

transmission of COVID-19.

Testing Schedule

They will be held on **Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

- **November 2:** [Claude Moore Park, 46150 Loudoun Park Lane in Sterling](#)

- **November 9:** [Philip A. Bolen Memorial Park, 42405 Claudia Drive, Leesburg](#) (Enter the park on Crosstrail Boulevard from Sycolin Road.)
- **November 16:** [Franklin Park, 17501, Franklin Park Drive, Purcellville](#)
- **November 23:** [Claude Moore Park, 46150 Loudoun Park Lane in Sterling](#)
- **November 30:** [Franklin Park, 17501, Franklin Park Drive, Purcellville](#)

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.

[Get More Information](#)

County Senior Centers Now Open Saturdays

The Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services announces that its five senior centers are now open Saturday mornings from 8 a.m. until noon.

Recreational options for adults 55 and older include exercise classes, pickleball and billiards, as well as classes in knitting, crocheting and personal enrichment.

The annual membership fee of \$32 for county residents and \$48 for non-residents applies to locations in Ashburn, Leesburg, Purcellville, South Riding and Sterling. Visitors can opt to pay a daily drop-in fee.

Visit loudoun.gov/prcs for more information about senior center locations, hours and programs or contact the centers directly.

Senior center locations:



- Ashburn Senior Center, 20880 Marblehead Drive, Ashburn. Phone: [571-367-8340](tel:571-367-8340)
- Carver Center, 200 Willie Palmer Way, Purcellville. Phone: [571-258-3400](tel:571-258-3400)
- Dulles South Senior Center, 24950 Riding Center Drive, South Riding. Phone: [571-258-3883](tel:571-258-3883)
- **Loudoun County Senior Center at Cascades, 21060 Whitfield Place, Sterling. Phone: [571-258-3280](tel:571-258-3280)**
- The Senior Center of Leesburg, 102 North Street NW, Leesburg. Phone: [703-737-8039](tel:703-737-8039)

LCCFRS Coat Drive Still Underway



The Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System and the Loudoun Career Firefighters Association have once again partnered with One Warm Coat and Mobile Hope Loudoun to collect winter apparel for local residents in need.

This year LCCFRS will be collecting coats and winter apparel at all Loudoun County

Fire and Rescue stations to include fire and rescue headquarters in Leesburg which will offer a contactless drop-off option.

The process is simple!

- Collect your new or gently used and clean coats, jackets, scarves, winter hats, gloves, and mittens.
- Drop-off your items from October 1 through November 7, 2021.
- All donated items will be given to Mobile Hope Loudoun for distribution to local people in need.

For an interactive map of our drop-off locations and more information about this annual campaign, please visit <https://www.loudoun.gov/5624/LC-CFRS-Annual-Coat-Drive>.

2022 Step Up Loudoun Youth Competition

The Registration for Loudoun Youth Inc.'s 2022 Step Up Loudoun Youth Competition is now open!

Loudoun Youth, Inc. was created to help teens in Loudoun County gain exposure to leadership in action and build up confidence.



The Step Up competition Encourages middle and high school youth, across the county to identify an issue in their school, neighborhood or community, create a plan to address that issue, and implement the plan. The goal is to encourage, support and reward the youth of Loudoun County for making positive changes in their own lives and the lives of others.

Key Dates

- Registration Closes: December 17, 2021
- Team Videos Due: March 3, 2022
- Main Competition: March 24, 2022
- Top 10 Finals and Awards: April 7, 2022

[Learn More and Register Today](#)

COVID-19 Prevention Guidance for Halloween



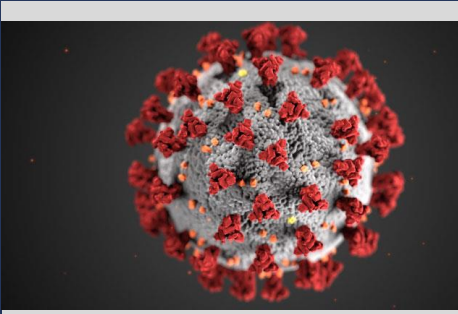
To have a safe Halloween celebration amid the COVID-19 pandemic, health officials recommend outdoor trick-or-treating in small groups and discourage any indoor parties.

Loudoun County Health Director Dr. Goodfriend recommends:

- Trick-or-treating outdoors in small groups or hosting a small outdoor gathering.
- Incorporating a face covering into a child's costume (over the age of 2).
- If giving out candy, consider individual bags to hand out or a contactless option such as a candy chute.
- Washing your hands before going trick-or-treating or handing out candy. Hand sanitizer should be used while trick-or-treating or handing out candy when soap and water aren't available.
- Maintaining physical distancing from people not in your household or who have not been vaccinated.

Read the complete guidance at loudoun.gov/safehalloween.

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
- 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.
- 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.

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Avoid contact with sick people.
- Avoid non-essential travel.

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