



## COVID-19 Updates & Important Information ~DECEMBER 8, 2021~

### Loudoun Continues Free COVID-19 Testing Events in December

**COVID-19 TESTING**

**Multiple Locations**

**December 2021**

**Tuesdays**

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

Drive-thru only. Free & open to everyone. Rain or Shine.

[loudoun.gov/COVID19testing](https://loudoun.gov/COVID19testing)

Loudoun County will continue to offer free, weekly COVID-19 testing events through December.

The drive-thru events are scheduled for **Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**, at various locations across the county:

- December 14: [Franklin Park, 17501 Franklin Park](#)

[Drive, Purcellville](#)

- December 21: [Claude Moore Park, 46150 Loudoun Park Lane in Sterling](#)
- December 28: [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.

[Get More Info and Pre-Register Today](#)

## **Need Employment Assistance or Looking for Employees for Your Business? Let Crossroads Jobs Help**

Crossroads Jobs is a nonprofit employment service with offices located in Sterling and Leesburg. Crossroads Jobs provides FREE job placement assistance to individuals seeking employment, helping every step of the way from the application process, resume preparation, practicing for interviews, job placement and post-placement support.



At Crossroads Jobs, the steady stream of new applicants means employers have rapid access to candidates, even on short notice. As employees gain experience, education and skills, they become strong candidates for more advanced employment opportunities. Because Crossroad Jobs get to know their applicants, they also provide pre-screened job-seekers who are ready to work to local businesses.

If you are in need of employment, please contact Crossroads Jobs to schedule an interview with one of their trained job counselors. Interviews, along with other programs and services, can be conducted in either English or Spanish. Orientation materials will be provided prior to the interview to give you an overview of Crossroad Jobs' program.

Please contact Crossroads Jobs at: [findajob@crossroadsjobs.org](mailto:findajob@crossroadsjobs.org) OR call 703-771-4112 (Leesburg) or 571-313-1813 (se habla español).

[Learn More About Crossroads Jobs](#)

## 'Take Loudoun Home for the Holidays' Campaign Returns for 2021



With the end of year shopping season in sight, Loudoun County businesses, residents and visitors are encouraged to participate in the "Take Loudoun Home for the Holidays" campaign.

The annual initiative is backed by Loudoun Economic Development, Visit Loudoun and the Loudoun Chamber of Commerce, and seeks to encourage consumers to connect with Loudoun farms and rural businesses and purchase local products.

Participating businesses applied to be part of the campaign, which features locally-sourced and seasonal products, CSA's and farm subscriptions for 2022.

All participating businesses are currently listed at [TakeLoudounHome.com](https://www.TakeLoudounHome.com), and listings will be updated throughout the holiday season.

"Whether it's a freshly-cut tree or wreath, artisan gift, craft food or beverage, or one-of-a-kind experience, supporting Loudoun's farms and small businesses keeps shopping dollars in the local economy, reduces environmental impact, and provides the special people in your life with a unique holiday experience," Loudoun Economic Development Executive Director Buddy Rizer explained. "Shopping local is about more than just convenience; this is supporting a neighbor, saving a job, and ensuring that the lights stay on for every #LoudounPossible business."

Start your holiday shopping spree by thinking local this year. Shop today from [TakeLoudounHome.com](https://www.TakeLoudounHome.com)

## Vaccination Appointments Available for Children 5 - 11 This Week at Loudoun Clinic

COVID-19 vaccination appointments are available this week at Loudoun County's Dulles Town Center clinic for children ages 5 to 11. The clinic has vaccination appointments for children in this age group Friday, December 10, and Saturday December 11, 2021.

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All Loudoun Residents  
Age 5 & Older Can Receive a  
**COVID-19 Vaccine**

SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT NOW:

[loudoun.gov/covid19vaccine](https://loudoun.gov/covid19vaccine)

Analysis of new COVID-19 cases in Loudoun and Virginia shows that the highest rate of infection in children is among those ages 5 to 11. Visit [loudoun.gov/covid19vaccine](https://loudoun.gov/covid19vaccine) to make an appointment now.

- The presence of variants like Omicron further emphasizes the importance of vaccination. Everyone 5 and older should get vaccinated and boosters are recommended for everyone 18 years and older.
- In addition to children ages 5 to 11, Loudoun County continues to offer vaccination appointments to anyone 12 years and older who has not yet received a vaccine or who is eligible for a booster dose. This includes:
  - 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 CDC for a third dose of the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine.
  - Residents who are 18 and older who are eligible for a booster dose of the Johnson & Johnson, Moderna or Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines.
  - Loudoun County is currently offering all three types of vaccine (Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson & Johnson). Children 17 and younger must receive Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine.
  - Other vaccination opportunities from providers such as pediatricians' offices and pharmacies are also available. Find vaccination appointments from any provider at [vaccines.gov](https://vaccines.gov).

## Loudoun Approves Collective Bargaining Ordinance

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During its December 7, 2021, meeting, the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors approved a collective bargaining ordinance that is effective immediately. The ordinance establishes the authority for Loudoun County to recognize, bargain with, or enter into a collective bargaining agreement with a labor

union or employee association as a bargaining agent for eligible Loudoun County Government employees. The change in the structure of Loudoun County's employer-employee relationship is not expected to alter the county's programs and services used by Loudoun residents.

Collective bargaining is a process by which an employer and a group of employees—typically represented by a certified labor union—negotiate over wages, benefits, and terms and conditions of employment. This arrangement can serve to promote collaborative relationships between the county and its employees and help address a defined set of employment issues in a productive, prescribed manner that benefits both the employees and the county.

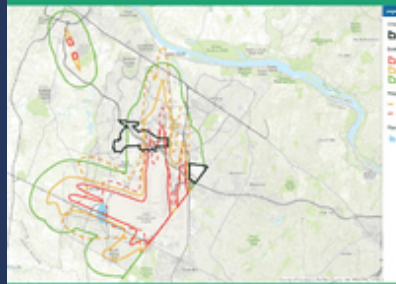
More information, including the draft ordinance, which was edited by the Board during the December 7 meeting, is posted online in the [December 7, 2021, collective bargaining staff report](#). The final ordinance text as adopted by the Board will be posted online in the coming weeks.

[Get More Info](#)

## Public Information Meeting on Loudoun Airport Impact Overlay District Scheduled for December 13

Loudoun County will hold a virtual public information meeting **Monday, December 13, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.** to present a proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment (CPAM) to update the county's airport noise policies related to the Airport Impact Overlay District.

## Airport Impact Overlay District



**Public  
Information  
Meeting  
December 13  
6:00 p.m.**

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[loudoun.gov/airportdistrict](https://loudoun.gov/airportdistrict)

The [Airport Impact Overlay District](#)

indicates where airplane noise is anticipated to affect residential, school and commercial buildings. The current overlay district was implemented by the Board of Supervisors in the early 1990s to both prevent residential development in areas that would be affected by aircraft noise and mitigate impacts to prospective homebuyers.

The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority updated the noise exposure maps for Dulles Airport in 2019. The update reflects changes in the aviation environment in the last 30 years and prepares for future changes in airport usage. Based on the airport's updated noise contours, Loudoun County is amending its [2019 Comprehensive Plan](#) to update policies related to the Airport Impact Overlay District.

[Learn More](#)

**Loudoun Workforce Resource Center Now  
Open in New Location**

## Loudoun Workforce Resource Center



Now Open at Our  
New Location:

**AutoZone Shopping Center**  
*705 E Market Street, Suite E, Leesburg*

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[loudoun.gov/wrc](http://loudoun.gov/wrc)



The Loudoun Workforce Resource Center is now open at its new location in the AutoZone Shopping Center, 705 E Market Street, Suite E, in Leesburg.

The center's hours are:

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. -

12:00 p.m.

The Loudoun Workforce Resource Center is part of the Loudoun County Department of Family Services and is a Virginia Career Works Affiliate. The center provides no-cost resources and equipment to both job seekers and employers. Services include:

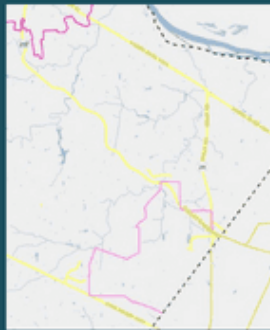
- Online and in-person career development workshops.
- Job postings.
- Job search assistance and career resources navigation.
- Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) program eligibility screenings.
- Business services for employers, including talent retention and talent acquisition services, employee training and developmental services, and business and workforce consultation services.

Stay Connected with the Workforce Resource Center

- [Subscribe to the Workforce Resource Center newsletter.](#) The Loudoun Job Connection is the monthly newsletter of the Loudoun Workforce Resource Center providing employment news and resources for job seekers in Loudoun County.
- [Sign up for "Notify Me" to receive alerts about upcoming events and workshops.](#) The calendar alerts let subscribers know when new Loudoun Workforce Resource Center events and workshops have been scheduled and registration is open.

## Board of Supervisors Approves New Names for Route 7 and Route 50

The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors has voted to approve new names for Harry Byrd Highway (Route 7) and John Mosby Highway (Route 50) within Loudoun County. The Board's vote follows its September 2020 decision to inventory Confederate and segregationist symbols in the county, such as roads, buildings, markers and monuments, for renaming consideration.



Renaming  
Route 7 & Route 50  
in Loudoun

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During the December 7, 2021 meeting, the Board approved changing the name of Harry Byrd Highway to Leesburg Pike and changing the name of John Mosby Highway to Little River Turnpike. These designations honor the names traditionally used for these roads, which were developed as major transportation and trade routes between Alexandria and the Shenandoah Valley in the early 1800s.

The Board's action affects the segments of Route 7 and Route 50 in unincorporated areas of Loudoun County. It does not affect segments of Route 7 and Route 50 within the county's incorporated towns.

The roadway names recommended by the Board will be sent to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) and the Commonwealth Transportation Board (CTB) in early 2022 for final approval. Approval by VDOT and CTB is required for state-controlled primary highways, such as Route 7 and Route 50.

Loudoun County conducted a thorough public process for identifying and recommending new names. A task force, comprised of community representatives and members of the county's Heritage Commission, was created to conduct research, engage the public, review public name submissions and recommend alternative road names to the Board.

[Learn More](#)



## Loudoun Homeless Services Center Management to Change

### Loudoun County Homeless Services Center

- Drop-in Day Services
- Emergency Homeless Shelter
- Hypothermia Shelter

19520 Meadowview Court, Leesburg



[loudoun.gov/HomelessServices](https://loudoun.gov/HomelessServices)

Managed services for the day-to-day operation of the Loudoun Homeless Services Center, 19520 Meadowview Court in Leesburg, will change in February 2022 to Shelter House, Inc., which received a contract award from Loudoun County following a competitive procurement process.

Shelter House, Inc. is a community-based, nonprofit organization based in Northern Virginia. Since 1981, it has provided services, including crisis intervention, safe housing and supportive services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

Services at the center will not change and include:

- **Drop-in Day Services:** This program provides a daytime place for Loudoun residents who are unsheltered to access laundry facilities, showers and a computer lab; to have a meal; and to receive information about community programs and resources.
- **Emergency Homeless Shelter:** This shelter is open to Loudoun residents aged 18 and older and provides temporary shelter along with individualized case management to assist individuals and families as they stabilize their housing situation.
- **Hypothermia Shelter (formerly known as Cold Weather Shelter):** This shelter is open to single adults aged 18 and older in the community who are experiencing a housing crisis resulting in homelessness. The shelter, which provides a warm indoor sleeping environment, meals, and shower facilities during the winter months, is 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.

The Department of Family Services works in partnership with the Loudoun County Continuum of Care, a coalition of public, nonprofit and faith-based organizations, to provide a variety of shelter and supportive services to those experiencing homelessness or people at risk of becoming homeless.

More information about services available to those experiencing homelessness in Loudoun County may be found at [loudoun.gov/HomelessServices](http://loudoun.gov/HomelessServices) or by calling 703-777-0420.

## REMINDER: Builders for Babies Diaper Drive

HomeAid Northern Virginia connects regional builders and housing industry professionals with non-profits focused on ending homelessness. This connection allows each group to do what they do best. HomeAid's partner builders and trade partners donate their expertise, time, and resources to renovate or build homeless shelters, housing facilities, and other non-profit spaces.



HomeAid is collecting diapers/wipes for our shelter partners and they need your help.

The cost of disposable diapers is nearly \$1,000 a year per child which is a huge expense for families already struggling to get by. It can mean the difference between parents trying to stretch supplies by leaving diapers on their babies too long or reusing dirty diapers, leading to painful diaper rash and discomfort.

Help HomeAid reach their 50,000 goal by December 15th at the link below.

[More Information](#)

## 2022 Step Up Loudoun Youth Competition Registration Closes December 17

**TIME IS RUNNING OUT!**  
**2022 STEP UP LOUDOUN YOUTH COMPETITION  
REGISTRATION CLOSING DECEMBER 17TH**

Do you have an idea to make our community better? Tap into your passion, grab a friend or two and engage with the world around you! Use your strengths to address an issue in your school, neighborhood or community as a whole!

**REGISTER AT [LOUDOUNYOUTH.ORG](https://LOUDOUNYOUTH.ORG) TODAY!**



**Step Up**  
LOUDOUN YOUTH COMPETITION

Step Up Loudoun Youth Competition brings together middle and high school youth across Loudoun County to work together to create change in their community. The teams or individuals will compete virtually for up to \$1,000 in cash prizes by presenting their project to a panel of judges, including CEOs, non-profit leaders, government officials and school administrators.

Key Dates: Team Video Due March 3, 2022  
Main Competition: March 24, 2022 at LCPS Admin Building  
Top 10 Finals and Awards: April 7, 2022 at Morven Park

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. The teams or individuals will compete virtually for up to \$1,000 in cash prizes by presenting their project to a panel of judges, including CEOs, non-profit leaders, government officials and school administrators.

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[Learn More and Register Today](#)

## Upcoming Low-Cost Rabies Vaccination & Microchip Clinic

Keep your pets healthy and safe by joining Loudoun County Animal Services (LCAS) at one of their 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. It is recommend to bring any prior vaccination records, but records are not required.



### **Next Free Microchip Clinic**

- **Tuesday, December 14, 2021 - 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.,**
- LCAS, 42225 Adoption Drive, Leesburg, VA 20175

This clinic are walk-in, no appointment needed and open to all cats and dogs. Please bring cats in carriers and dogs on non-extendable leashes. This is a low-cost clinic, cash or check only please. Please bring proof of prior rabies vaccination to receive the 3 year vaccine for your pet.

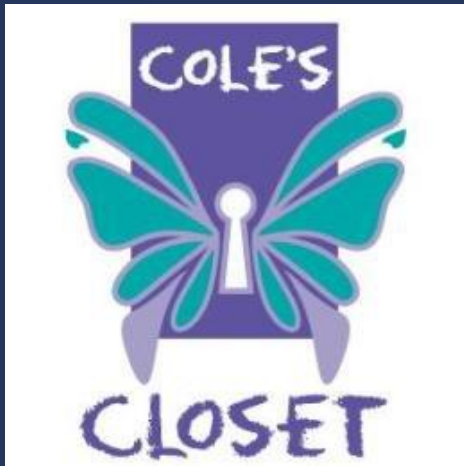
- Microchip - \$15 (free for Loudoun County residents)
- 1 year Rabies Vaccine & 1 year Dog License - \$20
- 3 year Rabies Vaccine & 3 year Dog License - \$40
- Cat Rabies Vaccine (1 & 3 year) - \$10

### **Additional Information About the Rabies Vaccine**

For the safety of pets and people, the Commonwealth of Virginia requires all cats and dogs over the age of four months to be regularly vaccinated against rabies. The majority of rabies cases occur in wildlife but when people are exposed to rabies, it is usually the result of an encounter with an infected domestic animal. Rabies is potentially contagious to pets and humans, and, when left untreated, the virus is almost always fatal. However, high rates of vaccination have led to a decline in the disease nationwide. Dogs and cats should be vaccinated against rabies, at a minimum, every three years.

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**LCSO & Cole's Closet Annual Toy Drive**



The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office has once again partnered with Cole's Closet, a non-profit organization, to help donate toys to fill "closets" with toys for children while they are at the hospital.

Last year, Loudoun County residents helped the LCSO collect nearly 5,000 toys for our annual Santa Ride for Cole's Closet.

Donations of toys for children aged infant to 17-years-old will be accepted from now through December 17, 2021. The toys can be

dropped off at any LCSO Station, Monday through Friday (excluding Holidays), from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. You can also donate directly to Cole's Closet here: <https://bit.ly/Donate2ColesCloset>.

The drop-off locations are:

**Eastern Loudoun Station**

- 46620 East Frederick Drive, Sterling, VA 20164

**Ashburn Station**

- 20272 Savin Hill Drive, Ashburn, VA 20147

**Dulles South Public Safety Center**

- 25216 Loudoun County Parkway, Chantilly, VA 20152

**Western Loudoun Station**

- 47 W. Loudoun Street, Round Hill, VA 20142

**LCSO Headquarters**

- 803 Sycolin Road SE, Leesburg, VA 20175

Cole's Closet was created in 2002 by Ellen and Steve Tomczyk after they lost their six-month-old son to an undiagnosed brain disease. The Tomczyks spent four months in and out of area hospitals where they experienced first-hand the anxiety and fear families face when a child is hospitalized. Ellen and Steve began a toy drive at a family holiday party one year after Cole passed away and since then they have donated thousands of new toys to area hospitals.

For more information about Cole's Closet please visit [www.colescloset.org](http://www.colescloset.org).

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## **Christmas Holiday Service Changes for Loudoun County Transit**

## **Christmas Holiday Bus Service - Thursday, December 23, 2021**

- Commuter, Local Fixed Route, and Metro Connection Bus services will operate on regular



schedules Thursday, December 23, 2021.

- The Loudoun County Courthouse Shuttle from the Pennington Garage and Lot to the Courthouse will not run Thursday, December 23, 2021.

## **Christmas Holiday Bus Service – Friday, December 24, 2021**

### **Commuter Bus Services**

- Commuter Bus service will not run on Friday, December 24, 2021.

### **Local Fixed Route Bus Services**

- Local Fixed Route Bus service will operate on regular schedules Friday, December 24, 2021.

### **Loudoun County Courthouse Shuttle**

- The Loudoun County Courthouse Shuttle from the Pennington Garage and Lot to the Courthouse will not run Friday, December 24, 2021.

### **Metro Connection Bus Services**

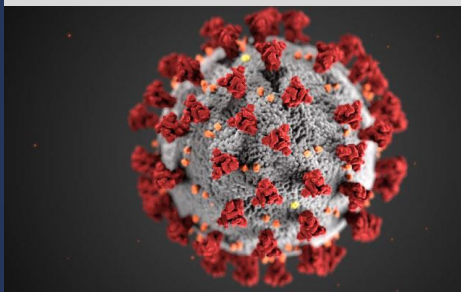
- Metro Connection Bus service will not run Friday, December 24, 2021, including stops at the Wiehle-Reston East Metrorail station provided by Routes 87X, 88X, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 931, 932, 990 and 992 and stops at the West Falls Church Metrorail station provided by Routes 901 and 902.
- As an alternative to Metro Connection Bus service, the Local Fixed Route Bus will operate on Friday, December 24 and provide service to the Wiehle-Reston East Metro Station on Route 72 from Ashburn North, Route 84 from the Dulles Town Center Park & Ride Lot, and Route 985 from Sterling. Schedules for these routes can be found at [www.loudoun.gov/localbus](http://www.loudoun.gov/localbus).

## Christmas Day Holiday Bus Service - Saturday, December 25, 2021

- Local Fixed Route and Metro Connection Bus services will not run Saturday, December 25, 2021.

[Get More Details](#)

## 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
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer only if soap and

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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](https://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.

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

Residents with questions about COVID-19 may call the Loudoun County Health Department's information line, 703-737-8300, or email [health@loudoun.gov](mailto:health@loudoun.gov).

## Supervisor Koran T. Saines

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