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Loudoun COVID-19 Vaccine Pre-screen Survey to Close Friday, Feb. 12 at 5:00 P.M.; Transition to Statewide System Next Week

The Virginia Department of Health has [announced the launch of a Statewide Vaccine Pre-Registration System](#) to provide a unified and comprehensive process for people in Virginia to pre-register for the COVID-19 vaccine.

As a result of the new statewide system, the Virginia Department of Health has directed all local health districts to close their pre-registration forms and surveys at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 12, 2021 to allow for existing registration data to be transferred to the new system. Loudoun County residents will not be able to register for COVID-19 vaccine for a few days.

Previously Submitted Pre-screens

All individuals who previously submitted a pre-screening survey to be vaccinated through the Loudoun County Health Department will be automatically added to the new statewide system. Everyone will maintain their place on the waitlist in Loudoun County. Anyone who has completed a pre-screen survey with Loudoun County does **not** need to complete a new pre-registration when the state system goes live next week.

Beginning on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, all pre-registration for COVID-19 vaccine in Virginia will go through the new statewide system.

It is possible that in the future, people who completed a Loudoun County prescreen will be asked to complete additional information in their preregistration forms that was not asked for in Loudoun's pre-screening survey, e.g., home address. Instructions on this process will be provided to people who are registered as soon as the details of any required action steps are confirmed.

Appointment Scheduling Will Continue

Even with this change, Loudoun County will continue to systematically work through the waitlist of people who have signed up to receive vaccine. Loudoun County continues to vaccinate people with appointments six days a week. The county is contacting individuals in the order pre-screening survey submissions were received for appointments, as vaccine supplies allow, and in accordance with a state-mandated allocation formula between priority groups.

Loudoun County wants to assure all who have submitted pre-screening surveys to the Loudoun County Health Department that when it is your turn to receive a vaccine, you will be contacted by email. Those who do not have access to the internet will be contacted by phone. Please note that limited supplies of vaccine continue to result in long waits – at least several weeks—for vaccination appointments.

How Loudoun is Prioritizing Vaccination Appointments

The Loudoun County Health Department is required to offer vaccine to people according to Virginia's vaccine prioritization plans. We are currently in Phase 1a and 1b of this plan. About half of Virginia's population is currently eligible for vaccine in Phase 1a and Phase 1b. It is important to understand that within Phase 1b, Virginia has further prioritized essential workers into nine categories. Loudoun is currently focused on the priority groups below.

- Phase 1a:
 - Health care personnel
- Phase 1b:
 - People age 65 and older
 - People age 16–64 with [underlying health conditions](#)
 - Front-line essential workers
 1. Police, fire and hazmat
 2. Corrections and homeless shelter workers
 3. Child Care/PreK-12 teachers/staff

Read more about the priorities within Virginia's Phase 1b under [Frontline Essential Workers by Order of Vaccination Planning](#).

Estimated Wait Time

At this time, the best estimate is that anyone who submitted a pre-screening survey may have to wait 6 weeks or more from the time of registration before their turn for an appointment comes up. Loudoun County is starting to schedule appointments for people 65 and over who submitted their pre-screening surveys before 9:30 a.m. on January 15. On January 15, individuals 65 – 74 and those 16-65 with underlying health

conditions were added to Phase 1b. As a result, a record number of individuals registered on that day.

Scheduled Appointments and Second Doses

This change will not impact individuals who have already scheduled an appointment or who are waiting to receive a second dose. Anyone who has scheduled an appointment through the Loudoun County Health Department should go to that appointment as scheduled. You should continue to follow instructions from the Loudoun County Health Department on completing your vaccine series.

Stay Vigilant in Slowing the Spread of COVID-19

Before and after Loudoun residents receive a COVID-19 vaccine, everyone is encouraged to continue taking the steps that help prevent the spread of the disease, including washing hands frequently, wearing face coverings, social distancing, avoiding large gatherings of people and staying home when sick. Learn more about [COVID-19 prevention and care](#) on the county's website.

For more information about COVID-19 vaccination efforts in Loudoun County, visit loudoun.gov/COVID19vaccine.

Sign Up to Receive Alerts

Additional information about the ongoing vaccination efforts will be published as it becomes available. To stay informed about when it is your turn to receive a COVID-19 vaccine, residents should sign up to receive text or email updates about COVID-19 from Loudoun County:

- Text LCCOVID19 to 888777 to receive text alerts in English.
 - Text LCCOVIDESP to 888777 to receive text alerts in Spanish.
- Sign up for email and text updates on COVID-19 in [Notify Me, Blogs category, "Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)."](#)
- Follow Loudoun County on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).
- Visit the county's website, loudoun.gov/coronavirus.

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COVID-19 Vaccine From CVS Pharmacies Began February 9

The Health Department learned late today, Monday, February 8, 2021, that CVS pharmacies began offering vaccination to people age 65 years or older. One CVS Pharmacy in Loudoun County (the Lansdowne location) is providing COVID-19 vaccine. Please note that this opportunity to receive a vaccine from CVS is completely independent of the Loudoun County Health Department's vaccination process. CVS is working directly with the federal government to expand vaccination opportunities to the public through the [Federal Retail Pharmacy Program](#).

CVS opened their online appointment scheduler at 5:15 a.m. on Tuesday, February 9, 2021. The website address for finding and scheduling vaccination appointments at the CVS location is:

cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine

If you choose, you may seek a COVID-19 vaccine from CVS by logging on to their website to see if you can find an appointment. We expect these appointments to fill up quickly, so would advise you to sign on to the CVS website as soon as possible. If you do get an appointment for a vaccine at the CVS, you should also get your second dose of vaccine there. Please note there is no guarantee that you will be able to obtain an appointment from CVS.

This program is expected to bring approximately 26,000 doses of vaccine to the Commonwealth of Virginia. This may mean approximately 100 doses per day for Loudoun County each week until the program ends.

Please keep in mind that the local Health department is not involved in CVS' implementation plans. All vaccine doses are provided directly to CVS by the federal government and not by the state or the local Health department. Accordingly, CVS is not be distributing the vaccine using the current wait list established by the Health Department through its COVID-19 vaccination portal and call center. The vaccine will be provided on a first come, first served basis but likely for those aged 65 and older initially. CVS Health has stated publicly that it will attempt to adhere to the [state's eligibility guidelines](#) for vaccine distribution.

If you choose not to seek an appointment from CVS or you do not get an appointment with CVS, you can still receive one through the Loudoun Health Department.

If you have any questions, please send an email to health@loudoun.gov.

Additional COVID-19 Resources and Updates

How Will I Know When My Family or I Can Get a Vaccine?

The goal is for everyone to be able to easily get vaccinated against COVID-19 as soon as large enough quantities are available. Vaccine for the general population will likely become available in the first half of 2021. Stay informed to learn when vaccine is available in our area and sign up for updates at loudoun.gov/covid19vaccine.

COVID-19 Vaccine: 8 Things to Know Now in Loudoun County

The creation and distribution of COVID-19 vaccine is one of the most critical steps toward protecting those at highest risk of the disease and eventually bringing an end to the pandemic. As vaccine first becomes available later this month to the priority groups, here are eight things all of us should know about preparations for vaccine distribution in Loudoun County over the coming months: [Continue Reading](#).

What You Should Do If You Test Positive for COVID-19

If you test positive for COVID-19 or are diagnosed with COVID-19, you need to stay home, away from others, and monitor your health for 14 days. Contact your health care provider for guidance on caring for yourself. If you experience serious symptoms of COVID-19, such as trouble breathing, pain or pressure in the chest, and confusion, seek medical attention right away. [Continue Reading](#).

Loudoun Health Officials Encourage Self-Notification of Contacts following COVID-19 Diagnosis

As the number of COVID-19 cases continues to rise in Loudoun County and across the country, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) have provided updated guidance to local health departments regarding COVID-19 case investigations and contact tracing prioritization strategies. [Continue Reading](#).

What You Need to Know about 'Close Contact' to COVID-19

The term “close contact” has become a buzz word in daily life. What you may not know is that the term carries an important definition to public health officials. Understanding close contact in the context of COVID-19 is crucial to the ongoing assessment and management of this disease and ultimately helps orient our collective actions.

As the pandemic continues to evolve, scientists are learning more and more about the virus that causes COVID-19. As a result, the approach to slowing the spread of the disease and the strategies used to reduce the impact of the pandemic on the community may also evolve. Recently, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated the definition of what it means to have close contact with another person that has or may have COVID-19. [Continue Reading](#).

Virginia's COVID-19 Vaccine Data Dashboard

the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) added COVID-19 vaccine data to the [COVID-19 Daily Dashboard](#) on two new tabs, Vaccine Summary and Vaccine Demographics. This new information will keep the public informed about the numbers of COVID-19 vaccines distributed and administered in Virginia. It will be updated daily. [Continue Reading](#).

Beware of Scams

Beware of COVID-19 scammers trying to use your compassion or fear of the virus against you. [Learn more \(PDF\)](#). To report fraudulent activity to the Virginia State Police, Virginians can Email Virginia Fusion Center. To report a COVID-19 fraud scheme or suspicious activity, contact the National Center for Disaster Fraud hotline at 1-866-720-5721 or [send an email](#).

Information and Referral

Loudoun County's Information and Referral Line specialists help individuals and families better understand the range of options to assist them in making informed decisions. Information and Referral specialists assess the situation and together with the caller, help to identify options to meet the primary service/resource needs. Contact Information and Referral Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 703-777-0420 or [online](#).

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