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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BUSINESS MEETING INFORMATION ITEM

SUBJECT: COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

ELECTION DISTRICTS: Countywide

CRITICAL ACTION DATE: At the pleasure of the Board

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this item is to provide information to the Board of Supervisors (Board) regarding the County’s response to the COVID-19/Coronavirus Pandemic.

BACKGROUND: On March 11, 2020, the Board requested that a standing item be placed on future Business Meeting agendas to provide information on the COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing response thereto. This item provides pertinent updates since the last information item.

SYNOPSIS: Approximately 1 out of 2.7 Loudoun County residents are fully vaccinated for COVID-19. Loudoun’s rate of new cases continues to decline, with an average of 27 reported daily cases. COVID-19-related hospitalizations are also declining, with 13 hospitalized patients having confirmed positive COVID-19 infections. Additionally, Loudoun’s PCR test percent positivity rate has declined to 3.6%. Information is as of May 13, 2021, unless otherwise noted.

Table 1. Loudoun County COVID-19 Synopsis		
Metric	As of May 13, 2021	Change from May 4, 2021
Cumulative Cases	27,729	+470
7-Day Average of New Daily Cases	27	-20.3
Confirmed Current Hospitalizations (as of May 12, 2021)	13	-2
Cumulative Deaths	277	+3
PCR Test Percent Positivity Rate	3.6%	-1.0%
Percentage of Total Population Fully Vaccinated	37.5%	+6.5%
Percentage of Total Population with at Least One Dose	50.9%	+4.6%
Doses Administered by the Loudoun Health Department (as of May 12, 2021)	251,781	+35,810

Sources: [Virginia Department of Health | COVID-19 Dashboard](#) and [County of Loudoun | COVID-19 Dashboard](#).

Loudoun County’s COVID-19 response continues to focus on administering the COVID-19 vaccine to eligible Loudoun residents and workers. On May 13, 2021, following approval by the [Virginia Department of Health](#) (VDH), the Loudoun County Health Department (LHD) began offering COVID-19 vaccination appointments at the Dulles Town Center site to the more than 20,000 eligible Loudoun County adolescents aged 12-15. In addition to this age group, the County’s targeted outreach and vaccination efforts aim to reduce barriers to receiving the COVID-19 vaccine and offer vaccine to individuals who are disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 or hesitant to receive the vaccine.

VACCINATION RATES: A total of 352,358 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine (first and second doses) have been administered to Loudoun County residents as of May 13, 2021, an increase of 59,704 doses since the previous Information Item.

Table 2. COVID-19 Vaccination Summary – Loudoun County					
At Least One Dose			Fully Vaccinated		
# of Residents	% Total Population*	% Age 16+	# of Residents	% Total Population*	% Age 16+
210,495	50.9%	67.6%	154,884	37.5%	49.7%

*Population is based on the [U.S. Census Bureau’s 2019 Populations Estimates Program](#), which estimates a total Loudoun County population of 413,538 and a total Loudoun County population aged 16 and older of 311,439. Source for vaccination data: [Virginia Department of Health | COVID-19 Vaccine Summary](#).

TARGETED VACCINATION PROGRAMS: The County continues to facilitate targeted COVID-19 vaccination outreach and events for Loudoun County residents who may have difficulty gaining access to vaccines or who may be disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 or hesitant to receive the vaccine. A summary of ongoing, targeted vaccination programs follows.

Table 3. Targeted COVID-19 Vaccination Programs – Loudoun County		
Program	At Least One Dose	Fully Vaccinated
<i>Sterling Inova Clinic:</i> Sponsored by Inova Health System and facilitated by Human Services and LHD, this program has the capacity to vaccinate up to 40 individuals per day at the Sterling Inova Clinic. Eligible individuals include those with disabilities, Black and Latinx populations, ages 65 and older, and those with economic or transportation issues that limit access to the vaccine.	1,000	720
<i>MedsPack Mobile Events:</i> MedsPack or the County enters the community to provide vaccinations to eligible participants. Human Services facilitates these events with an organizer who may be a nonprofit, place of worship, or employer. Eligible individuals include those with disabilities, Black and Latinx populations, ages 65 and older, and those with economic or transportation issues that limit access to the vaccine.	5,995	4,795

Program	At Least One Dose	Fully Vaccinated
<i>Homebound Vaccinations:</i> Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue personnel enter the community to provide vaccinations for individuals who are homebound or living in assisted care facilities.	462	436

Sources: Loudoun County Health and Human Services Team and Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue.

HUMAN SERVICES: The [Information and Referral Program](#) helps individuals and families understand the range of health and human services options available in Loudoun County, such as food resources, employment services, housing and homeless services, utility aid, and childcare assistance. Through this program, the Department of Family Services has made 9,962 referrals as of May 10, 2021. Additional information about some of these programs follows.

Program	Assistance Provided as of May 10, 2021
<i>Rental Assistance Program:</i> Currently, rental assistance for residents living in households making 80% or less of the area median income (AMI) are routed to the Virginia Rental Relief Program. Previously, the County managed a Limited Rental Assistance Program from March 2020 to April 2021. Funded largely by federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES) dollars and supplemented with local dollars, the County's program provided eligible households up to 9 months of rental assistance. During that time, more than 4,400 inquiries were reviewed leading to 437 unique household rental payments covering 1,500+ months of rent.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2.4 million (March 2020-April 2021)
<i>Utility Assistance Program:</i> Administered by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington and Loudoun Cares, this County-funded program pays up to \$1,750 to utility providers on behalf of residential customers. Eligible utilities include electric, water, and gas bills, and propane, oil, or wood, if used for heating or cooking.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 308 referrals • \$130,800
<i>Complementary Safety Net Payment Program:</i> This program supports residents who test positive for COVID-19 and require financial assistance to maintain good standing with debtors while safely isolating. Individuals may receive up to \$1,500, payable to vendors on their behalf for household expenses.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 287 referrals • \$266,349
<i>COVID-19 Relief for Nonprofits and Faith Based Organizations:</i> Funded by \$2 million in general fund dollars, this program supports residents by funding services provided by nonprofits and faith-based organizations. Services may include rental assistance, utility assistance, safety net benefits, and food assistance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$1,902,846

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.