

City Manager's Update for October 15, 2021

Staff Asked to Report Vaccination Status by October 31

- All City of Louisville employees are asked to report whether they are vaccinated or not by October 31, 2021, and are being offered a \$150 bonus for being vaccinated and reporting. The City is not requiring employees to be vaccinated. Refer to the September 15, 2021 email from Interim City Manager Megan Davis or visit LouisvilleCO.gov/VaccinePolicy for details. The Recreation & Senior Center is hosting a COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic on Wednesday (October 20, 12 PM – 2 PM). [Appointments are available](#) for the vaccine or the Pfizer booster.

Deconstructing Equity Training – Next Week

- Advancing the principles of equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) is a priority for the City as an organization and as a community. Join The Equity Project, our partner in completing the City's organizational EDI assessment and EDI blueprint, for an engaging training tailored for City of Louisville employees. This foundational workshop provides an opportunity to explore the multi-faceted (and sometimes, complicated) world of diversity, equity and inclusion in an environment that promotes sharing, learning and transformation. This is a single-session, 2-hour course and there are two offerings for supervisors and two offerings for staff. For more details and to sign-up visit the [ESS system](#) and click on the Training Opportunities section.

Water Treatment Plant Wins Environmental Leadership Award

- The Water Plant Team was successful in reaching the "Gold Leaders" the highest level for the Environmental Leader Program through the Department of Public Health and Environment. This is a major milestone for us in this program, as many hours were dedicated to meeting the strict requirements of this achievement. It is exciting to share our elevation from our prior status of Silver Partners to join fellow Gold Leaders: Anheuser-Busch, Ball Aerospace, Frito Lay, IBM, Xcel Energy and many more.
- Gloria Handyside worked with the team to make a [video for the event](#). If you're interested in making a video about your city programs or operations, contact Gloria.

Community Update – Winter Edition

- The deadline for content for the Winter Edition of the [Community Update](#) (covering December, January and February) is October 25. Please email Gloria Handyside ghandyside@louisvilleco.gov if you have ideas for articles.

Cottonwood Park Playground Replacement

- The City of Louisville is replacing the playground equipment at Cottonwood Park and is asking for public input on design concepts and equipment. The theme of the playground is "Nature Play" and the public was invited to review three designs at the virtual PPLAB

meeting (10/7), in-person at Cottonwood Park (10/9), or participate in an online survey. The survey will remain open until Saturday, October 23. The project is estimated to be completed in early 2022. [Take the survey.](#)

Warm Clothing Drive

- The Recreation & Senior Center is hosting the annual LUMC Warm Clothing Drive. You can drop off clean, gently used warm clothing (sweaters, children's snow suits, hats, mittens, winter coats, etc.) at the front desk. All clothing donated will be distributed to members of the community in need of assistance.

Youth Advisory Board



- The first City of Louisville Youth Advisory Board meeting since March 2020 was held earlier this month. The YAB is currently working virtually with 14 board members in middle and high school from a variety of area schools. This year's topic is Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion.

Pumpkin Carving Fun



- The Library and Cultural Council co-hosted an outdoor pumpkin carving week this event this week. The Library's [Fall Festival](#) for ages 2 and up takes place on October 27. No registration required.

Indigenous Peoples' Day

- 87 people attended the Library's Native Americans of Colorado Online Event in honor of Indigenous Peoples' Day. The Museum issued a statement about Louisville's indigenous people, which was [welcomed by the community on Facebook](#).

Upcoming Louisville Cultural Council Events

- Ivalas String Quartet, Friday, Oct. 22, 7:00 PM, Louisville Center for the Arts, \$15 - Ivalas Quartet strives to bring all kinds of audience members together in musical celebration as they perform inclusive and diverse programming. Tickets must be purchased in advance, and will not be available at the event. Please visit: <https://lcc10-22.brownpapertickets.com> to ensure your space at this concert.
- The Thin Veil, Saturday, Oct. 30, 5:00 – 8:00 PM, Louisville Public Library – Meeting Room, Please enter through the northwest entrance (near the above-ground parking lot), Admission: Free - Explore "the thin veil" between life and death in this one-day art installation from Louisville artist Dona Laurita. Ethereal images weave together text, lighting, and moving visuals to create an unforgettable experience. The art exhibit includes the option of creating your own messages to people you've lost by using a typewriter to write on strips of silk.

COVID-19/Vaccine Update

- **Free at home testing kits** are available from the State. [Complete the online form](#) to have them delivered to your house. Please note that this is **not** a PCR test and does not qualify for return to work (or school).

- **Boulder County's transmission rate is [level high](#)**, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
- In accordance with [BCPH's Public Health Order](#), **masks are required in all indoor public settings in Boulder County for everyone age 2 and older**, regardless of vaccination status.
- **All City of Louisville employees and patrons age 2 and older entering and inside City buildings must wear a mask that covers the nose and mouth.**
 - Masks are required for everyone, regardless of vaccination status.
 - Masks must cover your nose and mouth.
 - Masks may be removed indoors:
 - When a person is eating or drinking in a designated eating space and they are 6 feet from any other employees or patrons.
 - In an office space with no other employees or patrons and a closed door.
 - In a City vehicle if there is only one employee in the vehicle.
 - City staff should have a mask available at all times.
 - Masks must be worn in a City vehicle with 2 or more employees.
 - The City of Louisville has provided masks for employees to use when working in City facilities. If you are in need of these supplies, please contact your supervisor who will coordinate getting these supplies with the City Manager's Office.
 - When City provided masks are not available, employees should bring and wear their own masks. Cloth/homemade masks should be washed in a washing machine with hot water and detergent when employees return home and hands should be washed with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- The City has updated its **Return to Work and Travel policies** in compliance with the Healthy Families and Workplaces Act (HFWA) and guidance from the CDC and BCPH. See staff email sent September 7.
- The COVID vaccine is available for the general public, ages 12 and up. Coloradans 12 and up are currently eligible to receive the Pfizer vaccine and Coloradans 18 and up are eligible to receive the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccine. For more instructions on how to sign up with a local vaccine provider, visit <https://covid19.colorado.gov/vaccine> or call 1-877-CO VAX CO (1-877-268-2926, available 24 hours, 7 days a week). City employees are encouraged to sign up for the vaccine. To remove any barriers for City staff who wish to get the vaccine, the City is allowing staff to get their vaccine during working hours without having to take Public Health Emergency Leave (PHE) hours.
- It typically takes 2 weeks for the body to build immunity after vaccination. That means you can be infected from exposure to COVID just before or just after vaccination.
- **Keep Getting Tested – Even If You're Vaccinated** - The [free testing site at Stazio Ball Fields](#) remains open. If you're experiencing [COVID-19 symptoms](#) or you've been exposed to COVID-19, even if you're vaccinated, please continue to get tested. It's really important for our public health authorities to have access to good data about the virus. Visit the [Boulder County Public Health website](#) for more testing options.

- A table of confirmed COVID-19 cases at the City of Louisville is available on the [City's COVID-19 Dashboard](#).