



## December 2020

Welcome to the December 2020 edition of the Dulles Direct newsletter. First, I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas! I hope it is a time filled with joy and peace even though it comes at the end of a long and difficult year. I also hope that our Jewish friends had a good Hanukkah season.

Though I do believe in Christmas miracles, being able to carry on like it's a normal holiday season without being impacted by COVID is not one of them. I have a more detailed update below, but the risk of COVID-19 transmission has never been higher. If we want to be in a position to reopen schools and businesses, resume travel, and get back to normal, then we have to make smart decisions right now. That includes wearing masks, social distancing, and avoiding larger gatherings - even with extended family.

The good news is that with Christmas so close, New Year's is right around the corner ... and thus the end of 2020! I think we're all ready for that.

I did end the year with a piece of good news. I'm not really a fan of self-congratulation, but I was honored to receive the George Mason University Schar School of Government's 2020 Annual Regional Leadership

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Award, along with House Finance Chair Delegate Vivian Watts of Fairfax County. This award holds special significance to me since the Dean of the Schar School is Dr. Mark Rozell, who was my professor at Catholic University back when I was in college. I took four classes with him and he was my favorite professor, so receiving an award from him all these years later is a little surreal! I was introduced by Kate Mattice, Executive Director of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, and she had some very kind words about my service on regional bodies over the last few years. Thank you to Dr. Rozell and the entire team at George Mason for this recognition.



On a personal note, I will be having surgery next week at Georgetown University Hospital as (hopefully) the next step toward some recovery in my right eye. The surgery will be performed by an expert in this field who will be working to free up the eye muscles to improve the range of motion of the eye. I have been told to not expect much improvement from my point of view from this surgery; the real purpose is to set up another surgery in a few months which will be focused on the actual alignment of the eyes. The other component of my eye injury, which is dilation and lack of reactivity, is likely a result of permanent nerve damage, so I'll have to live with various mitigation approaches once we get to that point. Some of the facial nerve damage may not improve, and I'm struggling with that a little bit. I appreciate everyone's continued well wishes and prayers.

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My staff will be taking some much-deserved time off between Christmas and the New Year. We will monitor emails for emergencies, but you will likely experience a delay in our responsiveness during the holidays since I'll be recovering once again.

## COVID-19 UPDATE

### Loudoun's Situation

Loudoun County has continued to meet the criteria for high rates of community transmission. The overall positive rates are higher now than at any point during the pandemic. The good news is that our healthcare system has more knowledge now, and PPE is much less of a concern, especially for hospitals. Hospital occupancy rates are in the 80% range. Our local hospitals - Inova and HCA - report increased but still manageable caseloads. They have plans to add surge capacity if needed and are in close contact with the County and Virginia Department of Health.

As you've seen, the County will try to continue our popular public testing events. Those require a great deal of logistical effort and we've been partnering with the VDH for many of them. We currently have one additional event planned, on Tuesday December 29 at Franklin Park in Purcellville. The PCR nasal swab testing will be open to the public and provided at no cost, with no symptoms or referral needed. To get tested, please fill out a registration form before arriving at the event:

- [English form](#)
- [Spanish form](#)

Loudoun County's COVID hotline is staffed during business hours. They can help advise you on private facilities that offer different types of COVID tests and are available at 703-737-8300.

Governor Northam's latest [executive order](#) (last updated on December 10) is still in effect. A modified

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stay at home order is in place: all individuals should remain at their place of residence between the hours of midnight and 5 AM. There are exceptions for obtaining food and other essential goods, taking care of other people or animals, seeking medical attention or essential social services, traveling required by court order, engaging in exercise (as long as individuals are adhering to social distancing rules), traveling to and from one's place of residence, worship, or work, traveling to and from an educational institution, volunteering with charitable organizations, and leaving one's residence due to fear for health or safety.

Carrying over from the last executive order - restaurants, dining establishments, food courts, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, and tasting rooms may continue delivery, takeout, and indoor and outdoor service with the following limitations: they must stop serving alcoholic beverages on site after 10 PM, and they must close dining and congregation areas between midnight and 5 AM.

Public and private in-person gatherings of people who do not live in the same residence have now been capped at 10. There is an exemption for religious services if social distancing of at least 6 feet is being observed and meetings of educational institutions that are adhering to social distancing rules. There are many smaller regulations included in the executive order for businesses such as farmers' markets, brick and mortar retail businesses, and fitness facilities - although these regulations mostly limit occupancy and seek to reinforce mask mandates and proper sanitization practices. You can read the full executive order at the link above. I will continue to update you if more guidance from the Governor becomes available.

### **Holiday Guidance**

Based on guidance from the CDC and Virginia Department of Health, Loudoun County has released [information](#) on staying safe during the holidays. Experts are recommending smaller gatherings with immediate family only, contact-free food delivery to

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immunocompromised friends and family, virtual get togethers, online shopping, and watching entertainment from home. The County is cautioning against higher risk activities such as outdoor gatherings with members of your community, attending large indoor gatherings, going shopping in crowded stores, and visiting communal entertainment areas. If you travel, please get tested for COVID and wear a face covering to keep public transportation areas safe. Don't travel if you're sick or have been in contact with someone with COVID. Wash your hands often and avoid touching sensitive areas of the face. Six-foot social distancing guidelines are still in place, and they are especially important in public areas such as airports and train stations.

### **Vaccine Planning**

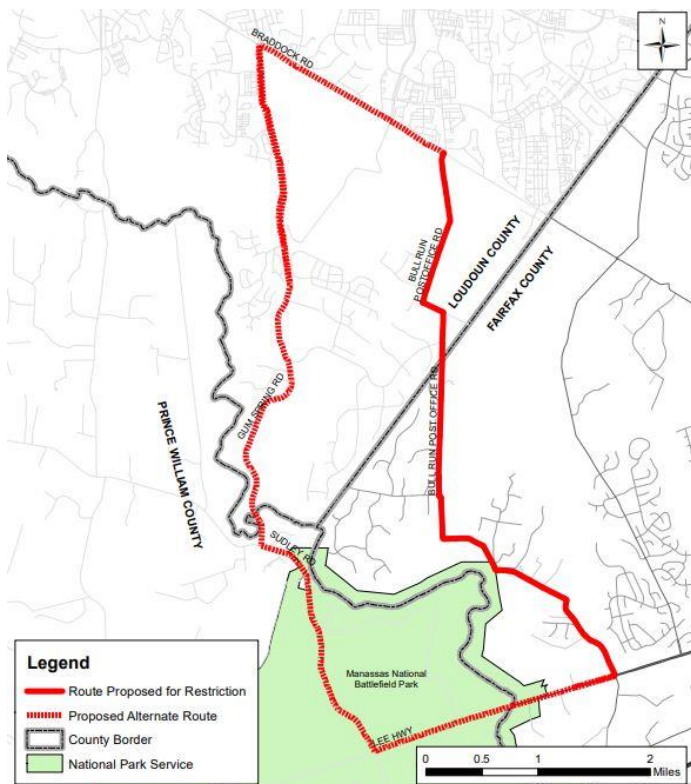
The first vaccines have become available to hospital-based workers in Loudoun County! It is important to understand, however, that these vaccines require two shots, several weeks apart, and another gestation period of up to 14 days to build antibodies. So, to date, the vaccines aren't yet "in effect" even for those few that have received them.

Loudoun County is working closely with the VDH on distribution plans. There have been different categories of risk established and we are working to place our employees in those categories. Obviously first responders are in the grouping that will receive the vaccine earliest. As things develop and vaccines become available, I'll have a lot more details to share, but please know there is extensive work being done on widespread public vaccination in Loudoun when supply becomes available.

## **DULLES UPDATES**

### **Bull Run Post Office Road Through Truck Restriction**

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors requested a through truck restriction on Bull Run Post Office Road between Braddock Road and Route 29. At our December 1 Business Meeting, the Loudoun Board of Supervisors endorsed this restriction and sent notice to VDOT that we support the measure unanimously. This through truck restriction was previously in place before being removed when portions of Bull Run Post Office had been abandoned over time. This will also complement the through truck restrictions on Cedar Ridge Boulevard and Ticonderoga Road that we have already submitted to VDOT for approval. Bull Run Post Office Road was not designed to handle the traffic of large trucks and, in most spots, is a narrow, winding, two-lane road with sharp curves. Prince William County may have concerns about this restriction, but their solutions have involved diverting trucks onto our neighborhood roads. A lot of this could be solved by simply connecting to Northstar Boulevard (which exists with a ridiculous single land bridge and a narrow road south of our border). I will share updates on all of these through truck restriction requests as they work through the VDOT approval process.



## Dulles Farms Community Association Traffic Calming

At our December 15 Business Meeting, the Board approved an item authorizing funds to install traffic calming measures in the Stratshire Crossing and Westridge neighborhoods of the Dulles Farms Community Association - which have posted speed limits of 25 MPH. The area consists of over 600 dwelling units, so many residents (including young children) were impacted by speeding in the area. The Dulles Farms HOA sent a request to my office for a study in 2018, which returned the following proposed traffic calming measures: four additional \$200 fine signs posted at neighborhood entry points, two "watch for children" signs at neighborhood entry points, two speed humps on Great Berkhamsted Drive, and one pole mounted speed display sign. The Board of Supervisors approved a transfer of \$70,000 from the CIP's Traffic Calming Contingency Account to cover the cost of installing the calming measures. It is



difficult to get through this process successfully. The burden for speed humps is very high in particular, and is reserved only for cases where the data is overwhelming and there are no other viable options.

I would like to thank Dulles Farms' Traffic Calming Taskforce, Loudoun's Department of Transportation and Capital Infrastructure, and VDOT for their coordination that led to Board approval of the traffic calming measures. I am glad there will be tangible steps taken to improve quality of life for the residents of these neighborhoods.

## **DULLES LAND USE UPDATES**

**Hogan Kent Greene**

*ZMAP 2019-0019*

The Board of Supervisors approved (7-1-1) the application to rezone 41 acres on Braddock Road between Virginia Manor and Kirkpatrick Farms for the development of 144 residential units, including 20 affordable dwelling units. The site is comprised of three parcels located on the south side of Braddock Road and immediately east of Pinebrook Elementary School. Access is currently provided by private driveways directly to Braddock, but will eventually be from a single point to Braddock. Over half the site is forested currently and there is a large floodplain area on the eastern side of the property. More details were in my October [newsletter](#).

As I reported last month, Kirkpatrick Farms residents brought forward some concerns, which we were able to address through proffers to significantly increase the buffering between the neighborhoods, add active recreation uses in the new development, and coordinate on a U-Turn/median break study on Braddock Road to sort out of the various access points and how traffic flow should work. The applicant also agreed to widen the eastern section of Braddock from Royal Hunter Drive to Gum Spring which will accelerate this section of the Braddock widening project by as much as three



years. I appreciate the opportunity to speak with the Kirkpatrick HOA President and for the contributions of the HOA Board and resident input, which helped us improve this application during the legislative process.

The County Staff and Planning Commission supported approval of the application. I ultimately voted in favor of it (along with Blue Ridge Supervisor Tony Buffington) because the Board of Supervisors has specifically designated this area for this specific type of development in the 2019 Comprehensive Plan. Given the development patterns in the area, we knew development was coming here - it's one of the last undeveloped parcels in the middle of relatively new housing. The Board wanted something different than what we normally see built. We want to ensure 50% open space on projects like this, which make them less dense overall, and we wanted to see some additional housing types that don't exist in the County, namely quadplexes, triplexes and duplexes instead of the traditional townhomes and "stacked" 2 over 2 units. New townhouses in this part of the County are often quite large and expensive. We are trying to address a shortage of housing in the "middle" of the market- which is driven by unit types and sizes. While there are some single family detached homes, the majority of this application is for quads and duplexes.

**Arnold Property**  
*ZMAP 2019-0009*

The Board approved (8-0-1) an application to rezone one acre on the north side of Braddock Road and south side of Kimberly Rose Drive to allow four single family detached units. Access from Braddock Road to the property would be eliminated and will exclusively be provided from a shared driveway at Kimberly Rose Drive. The site is currently comprised of a single-family detached residence that has long been the source of zoning complaints from neighbors. The South Riding Proprietary is coordinating with the applicant since the application includes the relocation of some existing HOA-owned open space and the homes would be incorporated into the existing community

The application originally proposed to place six townhomes on this property, but last year I informed the applicant I wouldn't support that plan due to inconsistency with the existing neighborhood. The applicant then revised the plan to match the West Riding community around it. Overall it will be good to no longer have a vacant, dilapidated property in a fairly visible location. The item came before the Board of Supervisors at our November 12 Public Hearing, where we discussed a potential sidewalk/trail connection across the property and the adjacent church property. While the applicant agreed to work with us on that item, we were unable to make progress due to constraints related to the location of the cemetery, close proximity to Braddock Road, and nearby utilities. While the trail connection is unfortunately not possible at this point, we can look at opportunities in the future to see if we can work something out.

**Wawa Chantilly**  
*SPEX 2019-0020*

The Board of Supervisors approved (8-0-1) an application to construct a Wawa adjacent to the Meadows Farms retail site on the north side of Route 5. As you may recall, the application was made inactive earlier this year when I was unable to reach an agreement with the applicant regarding access to the site from Route 50. After extensive analysis by the County's traffic engineers and VDOT, I came to the conclusion that in order for the application to proceed, the median on Route 50 must be closed to limit access eastbound from Route 50, since traffic analysis showed that a left turn from eastbound 50 into the site would be unsafe. Drivers would essentially be crossing three lanes of traffic with no protection and a 55 MPH posted speed limit. The application will generate a much higher volume of traffic moving in this direction compared to the existing nursery use - which doesn't seem to generate much activity during peak rush hour periods. Since the application is a special exception, the Board of Supervisors has the right to impose a traffic modification (such as the median barrier) as a

condition of approval. Wawa viewed the condition as a deal breaker for the application and decided not to move forward at that time.

Last month however, the applicant informed me that they would like to reactivate the application and would be prepared to accept my terms. They will be building the Route 50 median break at no cost to the County. I'm pleased by this positive outcome. I know we have a lot of gas/convenience users in Dulles South, and more on the way, but Wawa has a unique and strong following and I heard from many people excited to have one close by.

## **LOUDOUN UPDATES**

### **Renaming of Route 50 and Other Confederate Items**

In September, the Board voted to direct staff to prepare an informational inventory identifying publicly owned and maintained items that have symbols or names which memorialize Confederate and/or segregationist figures or history in Loudoun. Staff returned at our December 15 meeting with a proposed work plan that would incorporate community input along with their research to identify any item where the Board has the authority or significant influence in its renaming. This limits the inventory to public or quasi-public items such as County facilities or VDOT maintained roads, bridges, and interchanges. LCPS facilities will be separately evaluated under a process already underway by the School Board.

Specifically, the inventory will identify an item that is named for: (1) a Confederate leader, (2) the Confederate cause, or (3) individuals or movements that promoted and implemented racial segregation laws in Virginia during the eras of Jim Crow (1896-1965) and Massive Resistance to desegregation (1954-1959) in Virginia. These three categories are consistent with LCPS' review of school names and are not intended to place limits on historical era or origin (Jim Crow,

Massive Resistance, Confederacy, etc.) regarding inclusion in the inventory. This inventory is expected to be complete by June of 2021. At that time, the Board would evaluate whether any changes are warranted and establish a process for how to identify an alternative name and provide opportunity for public input.

In addition, the Board approved a motion from Vice Chair Saines (7-0-2) to initiate a public process to rename John Mosby Highway (Route 50) and Harry Byrd Highway (Route 7) in Loudoun County. Staff will now bring back a specific plan to initiate public input, work through logistics and generate alternative names by May of 2021. To be clear, the Board's action starts the process, but is not the conclusion.

The subject of confederate names has generated some controversy in recent years. I'll tell you how I view it, especially at it relates to these two particular roads. John Mosby was a confederate battalion commander. He had an interesting post-war career, but his primary reputation was built as a difficult to capture ("the Grey Ghost") confederate leader. Harry Byrd was an avowed segregationist.

I don't believe that the changing the names of either of those roads is "erasing history." We name roads after people to honor them. We don't do it to teach history. I firmly believe that students in Loudoun and Virginia should learn about these figures, and that historical markers are appropriate to help tell the story, good and bad, of who we are and how we got here. The name "John Mosby Highway" dates back to ... 1979. It isn't particularly old or historic.

Now, I think the subject of renaming could easily turn into a slippery slope. Ultimately, the Board needs to define that slope. In my view, if the primary reason that someone has something named for them is because they fought in the Civil War on the side of the confederacy or were known for being a segregationist, then I'll support a name change. I will not, however, extend that to individuals who made flawed decisions viewed in a modern context but who we honor for their

other accomplishments (within reason). I therefore don't support efforts to rename monuments, facilities, etc. that were named after America's Founding Fathers like Thomas Jefferson. (Another jurisdiction in Northern Virginia recently voted to take Jefferson's name off an elementary school). There are many Founding Fathers and other U.S. historical figures who did things that we now view as wrong, up to and including FDR's internment camps - but on balance, these figures became known for their contributions to our nation.

Supervisor Saines amended his motion at my request to include direction to staff to coordinate with Fairfax County, which has announced a similar effort that is a little further along. We know that they will be renaming Route 50 (Lee-Jackson Memorial Highway on their side), so it makes sense to coordinate on naming.

As I said though, there will be an opportunity for the public to comment, and especially for those that may be impacted by changing names because their residence or business is directly on Route 50. We will have more information about that in a few months.

### **FY20 Fund Balance / Collective Bargaining**

The County officially closed the books on FY20, which ended on June 30. We finished the year with a \$72.3 million fund balance, a very solid result given COVID-19 (which impacted the last quarter of that fiscal year). The Board was in agreement on how to utilize most of those funds, which included \$14.3 million for smaller capital projects such as intersection safety improvements, \$40 million towards planned FY22 Capital Improvement Projects and debt payments, \$7.4 million for land acquisition, \$3.9 million for retroactive merit-based pay increases for County employees, and \$1.3 million for one time funding needs in County departments like Elections and Voter Registration.

There is one area in which we were not in agreement, and that was to appropriate \$800,000 to add consultants

and new staff in order to begin collective bargaining for County employees this summer. In 2021, employee groups will have the right under new state law to petition the County to create a bargaining unit. The County can choose to accept or reject this request. If it is accepted, the County has the ability to decide what form it should take (binding arbitration or "meet and confer," which is less stringent). County staff have informed the Board that if we intend to accept these requests, we must create a new Labor Relations Division which will need to begin work on drafting the scope of areas to be bargained, deciding how many units we will allow, and many other issues.

At the Finance Committee meeting in December, I made a motion to remove this \$800,000, which failed 2-3. I made a similar motion at last week's Board meeting, which failed 2-6-1. I made this motion because if we are petitioned, my decision would be to reject that request.

I want to make clear that I am incredibly appreciative and supportive of our Loudoun County employees. If you read this newsletter you know that I was committed to fully implementing our Classification and Compensation Plan and worked to approve a public safety pay scale which is a better and fairer way to provide salary increases to employees in our public safety departments. I've also worked to address scheduling and benefit issues, supported additions to our benefit portfolio like parental leave, and made other changes. I believe that the Board and County Administrator have been very responsive to the needs of our employees.

I therefore think collective bargaining is a solution in search of a problem - and not a very good solution that in the long run may not be beneficial to employees. A lot will depend on the parameters set by the Board, but if the Board must negotiate longer term salary contracts with employees, it is almost certain to be more conservative than it might otherwise have been on a year to year basis. Historically, since I've been on the Board, Loudoun County employees have received

larger raises than many represented employees in other organizations. From the County's point of view, our system provides flexibility to deal with emergencies such as the pandemic, when we did freeze salaries in order to address revenue shortfalls (which are now unfrozen). I have a real concern about creating a new bureaucracy to manage collective bargaining, which will require millions of dollars annually. The County Administrator has indicated that the \$800,000 is just the beginning and that the full costs of just the new employees needed to manage this project aren't known yet; the initial money will help scope that out. Frankly, I'd rather deliver those funds directly to employees or invest in the County.

Finally, I find this decision particularly objectionable at this moment, when the County is still facing a \$30 million budget shortfall in the current fiscal year. This is not the time to be taking steps that will ultimately reduce flexibility and drive up expenses. I am obviously in the minority on the Board on this topic. I have pledged to my colleagues that I will work constructively on this issue despite my differences. However, I did need to register my objection.

#### **FY21 County Budget / Release of Funds**

If you'll recall, the Board of Supervisors made the difficult decision during the FY21 budget process to withhold \$100 million in funding from the County and LCPS budgets to cover "worst case" projections of revenue loss due to COVID-19. At our December 15 Business Meeting, the Board voted (7-0-1) to release \$50 million of that reserve funding (we will still hold \$50 million in reserve until the County's revenue picture is clearer). \$30 million of the released funds will be directed to LCPS and \$20 million will be directed to prioritized County expenditures. The funding will be used to move forward with staffing of new County facilities and priority resource requests from various County departments that were approved during the budget process just as the pandemic was beginning to hit our area. The funds will also provide merit-based pay raises for County employees and pay



parity for the Public Defender's Office to make up for the lack of funding that has been provided by the General Assembly. As a reminder, LCPS is solely responsible for overseeing their own spending and the School Board will take that up at a future meeting.

County staff was able to recommend releasing \$50 million at this time since the fiscal year is nearly half over and we aren't seeing worst case impacts to County revenues at this point. For the entire fiscal year we currently have projected a \$30 million dollar budget deficit, which, while still significant, can be covered by the amount that continues to be withheld.

### **FY22 Budget Guidance**

In October, I reported that the Board had directed County Administrator Tim Hemstreet to prepare the FY22 budget at the overall equalized tax rate of \$1.035 with options to increase by \$0.01 or decrease by \$0.03. I have good news to report from the latest round of projections this month: estimated new construction and development numbers have been incorporated into our budget forecast, resulting in an even lower estimated equalized tax rate of \$1.02. The homeowner's equalized rate (\$1.00) and the commercial equalized rate (\$1.09) have been creeping a little closer together, resulting in a net lower equalized rate. The equalized rate may decrease further over coming months as real property values are refined (estimated real property revenues will not be affected). The Board will give final guidance to the County Administrator on development of the FY22 Budget in January.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Christmas Tree Recycling**

It is important to recycle your Christmas trees after the holidays and not just drop them off in random locations. If you receive curbside recycling services normally, contact your HOA or private waste collector for Christmas tree-specific information.

A Christmas tree recycling container is also available in the rear parking lot of the South Riding Town Hall at 43055 Center Street in South Riding.

From late December through mid-January, the landfill in Leesburg will process Christmas trees into mulch which will be available for free to Loudoun County residents. For more information, please click [here](#).

### **Minority-Owned Business Grants**

The Community Foundation for Loudoun and Northern Fauquier Counties has announced a new grant program for minority-owned small businesses in Loudoun County. Minority-owned businesses have until January 19, 2021 to apply for a grant of \$5,000 - \$10,000 from the program. Organizations will need to demonstrate 51% ownership identifying as African America, Asian American, Hispanic American, or Native American and residents of Loudoun County. Eligible businesses must also be located in Loudoun and have annual net revenues of less than \$250,000 or less than \$500,000 for businesses with three or more full-time employees. The committee reviewing the applications will be comprised of the Community Foundation and the Loudoun Chamber of Commerce's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee. To apply, please click [here](#).

### **Winter Weather Information**

VDOT is responsible for clearing over 14,000 miles of road, and have a budget of well over \$50 million to do so. VDOT is encouraging folks not to drive if it is snowing, and to be safe in the case of a winter weather event. If we do get snow, VDOT's goal is to have one passable lane on every road within 24 hours when snowfall is 2-4" and within 48 hours for 4-6". Over 6" is expected to take at least 72 hours. If you feel that your street is missed after these time frames have passed, you can use the resources below to get more

information on plowing status and/or report your issue directly to VDOT:

- Click [here](#) for news releases, important messages, frequently asked questions and links to many other resources, including:
- [@VaDOTNOVA](#) on Twitter
- [www.511virginia.org](http://www.511virginia.org) for road conditions and traffic cameras
- [www.vdotplows.org](http://www.vdotplows.org) for neighborhood status and locations of plows
- <http://www.virginiadot.org> or 800-FOR-ROAD (367-7623) to report issues

### **Donations to Local Food Banks**

Food banks need help now more than ever!

Donations to the Dulles South Food Pantry can be made in person at 24757 Arcola Mills Drive on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM or online at [dsfp.org/donate-money](https://dsfp.org/donate-money). The Dulles South Food Pantry provides food assistance up to twice a month to any person who resides in the school attendance zones for Freedom High School, John Champe High School, Independence High School, Rock Ridge High School and Briar Woods High School. Call 703-507-2795 or email [info@dsfp.org](mailto:info@dsfp.org) to schedule an appointment. See the Dulles South Food Pantry's [website](#) for information on how you can help the food pantry fight local hunger. Donations to the Dulles South Food Pantry, Inc. are tax deductible.

Donations to Loudoun Hunger Relief can be made in person at 750 Miller Drive SE in Leesburg or via their [website](#).

### **Blood Donation**

The American Red Cross continues to have an urgent need for blood and platelet donations. Donation sites follow the required social distancing during the collection events at this extremely critical time. No

drop-in donations are allowed. To schedule an appointment, please visit [redcross.org/give-blood](https://www.redcross.org/give-blood). Inova Blood Services has blood drives scheduled and take donors by appointment.

Visit <https://www.inovablood.org/> to schedule and appointments. Residents who have had a positive COVID-19 test and are symptom-free for 14 days may be able to donate plasma. The plasma should be rich in immunoglobulins that may be helpful to patients who are actively fighting a COVID-19 infection. Visit <https://www.inovablood.org/covid19plasma/> for more information.

### **Medical Reserve Corps Volunteering**

The Health Department continues to seek volunteers for the Loudoun Medical Reserve Corps (MRC). With the COVID-19 pandemic a reality, the need for Loudoun Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers - both medical and nonmedical personnel - is greater than ever. The MRC is asking medical doctors, nurses, physician assistants, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, dentists, veterinarians, and other medical professionals to consider volunteering their time to help protect the community's health during the pandemic and beyond. For example, medical professionals may be needed to help with influenza vaccination events as flu season approaches and with COVID-19 vaccinations when there is a vaccine, as well as potential testing and other events. Nonmedical professionals can help support testing activities, contact-tracing efforts, operating the Loudoun County Health Department's information line, logistics support, and other nonmedical functions. For more information, visit [loudoun.gov/mrc](https://loudoun.gov/mrc). Register through the Virginia Volunteer Health System.

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