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Loudoun Coronavirus Updates

Loudoun County Health Department Reports First COVID-19 Death

The Loudoun County Health Department is reporting its first death of a hospitalized patient who previously tested positive for the virus that causes COVID-19. The patient was a woman in her 70s whose close contacts were previously investigated. The cause of death was respiratory failure as a result of COVID-19. No additional information is being provided about this woman.

The Virginia Department of Health provides updated information on the number of cases and deaths related to coronavirus at www.vdh.virginia.gov/coronavirus. Loudoun now has 43 cases.

"We are saddened by the first confirmed death of a Loudoun County resident due to COVID-19. Our hearts go out to her loved ones," said Director of the Loudoun County Health Department Dr. David Goodfriend. "The health of our residents is our top priority and this represents no additional risk to the community. We ask that everyone do their part to slow the spread of the virus in our community: practice social distancing, wash your hands, and cover coughs and sneezes."

The coronavirus that causes COVID-19 can cause mild to more severe respiratory illness. Symptoms include fever, cough, and difficulty breathing. Symptoms appear within 14 days of being exposed to an infectious person. COVID-19 spreads primarily through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. If symptoms develop, please contact your health care provider and describe the situation.

To lower the risk of transmission, the Health Department recommends the following:

- Avoid non-essential travel and public gatherings, especially if you are an individual who is at increased risk for severe illness, including pregnant women, older adults and persons of any age with underlying health conditions.
- Avoid travel to all areas where there are outbreaks of COVID-19.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer only if soap and 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.
- If you are mildly sick with a fever, stay home except to get medical care.

- Those with high risk factors and who have fever or a new or worsening cough, should consider contacting their providers earlier when they are sick. Call ahead to let them know of your symptoms.

Loudoun County Accepting Donations of Personal Protective Equipment for Distribution

Loudoun County is now accepting donations of personal protective equipment (PPE) and distributing the supplies to Loudoun-based health care providers and facilities in need. Personal protective equipment may include: surgical masks, N95 respirators, disposable gowns, face shields, coveralls, gloves, and hand sanitizer.

Any donated supplies may be opened, but must be unused. Individuals and organizations with personal protective equipment to donate should submit an online form by visiting loudoun.gov/ppe with details about the available equipment. They will be contacted by a county representative to coordinate the donation.

The county is not able to accept homemade equipment, such as homemade masks.

The county is also fielding requests from Loudoun-based health care providers and facilities in need of personal protective equipment. Requests can be made through a form online at loudoun.gov/ppe.

First Coronavirus Testing is for Those Most At-Risk

As availability of testing for coronavirus begins to improve, Loudoun County health officials say it is important that these tests be available to those at highest risk of complications from infection and those essential to maintaining health care delivery and services and public safety.

The [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](https://www.cdc.gov) recommends that the following people outside the hospital setting who have symptoms consistent with coronavirus be prioritized for testing:

- Health care workers.
- Patients in long-term care facilities.
- Patients 65 years of age and older.
- Patients with underlying high risk medical conditions.
- First responders.

It is important to note that individual doctors' offices and the operators of drive-thru testing services may use varying criteria. Therefore, before visiting any testing site, the health department recommends that patients have a

doctor's order for COVID-19 testing and to contact the service provider prior to visiting the site for instructions.

If you are not in one of the priority groups listed above or in a priority group listed by your doctor's office or a drive through testing service, at this time the Loudoun County Health Department recommends that you do not request testing, even if sick, so those at higher risk are able to be screened. "We continue to recommend that ill people contact their doctor if they believe they need to be evaluated, and that they isolate themselves at home and apart from family until better. Additionally, anyone with significant health issues should seek medical care immediately," said Loudoun County Health Department Director Dr. David Goodfriend.

Join the Loudoun County Medical Reserve Corps

Volunteers working to protect you, your family, and your community.

Anyone who wants to help the Health Department keep Loudoun County residents safe and protect the public's health should join the Medical Reserve Corps. No medical experience necessary!

In a bioterrorism event or mass epidemic, the Loudoun County Health Department is prepared for the possibility of opening emergency mass vaccination and medication dispensing clinics. Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers, both nonmedical and medical, would be key to staffing these sites. Nonmedical Volunteers would perform key clinic roles such as registration, data entry, language translation, medical personnel assistance, and directing foot traffic. MRC members can also assist with other public health responses in our community.

When you join

- Receive free training on such topics as CPR, first aid, incident command, and emergency preparedness
- Play a significant role in keeping your family and community safe.

Requirements

- A Loudoun County resident at least 16 years old
- Have no personal or professional commitment that would prevent serving in an emergency
- Undergo a free reference or background check
- Complete an orientation session
- Optional: Complete incident command class

Interested in becoming an MRC volunteer?

Learn more and contact us!

mrc@loudoun.gov

[Loudoun.gov/mrc](https://loudoun.gov/mrc)

Stay informed about COVID-19

This is a rapidly changing situation, sometimes by the hour, and information is being shared as it becomes available. Below are local to worldwide resources.

- [Loudoun County Government](#)
- [Loudoun County Public Schools](#)
- [INOVA Health](#)
- [Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority \(WMATA\)](#)
- [Virginia Department of Health \(VDH\)](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)
- [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#)

The Loudoun County Health Department has a public information line for questions from Loudoun County residents.

- Email the Health Department at health@loudoun.gov
- Call the information line at 703-737-8300
 - Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
 - Saturday-Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

RECEIVE TEXT UPDATES ON
CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19):

Text **LCCCOVID19**
to **888777**



Inova Coronavirus Update

[General Information on Inova's preparedness for COVID-19](#)

All Inova hospitals and care sites are open and serving patients. The most up to date information on Inova's response to the COVID-19 pandemic can be found at www.inova.org/covid19. Inova's team of clinical experts is up-to-date on developments and CDC guidelines, and has developed a comprehensive response plan to maintain the safety and well-being of our community.

What should I do if I have COVID-19 symptoms?

- Seek advice from your regular healthcare provider to determine if a medical evaluation is needed;
- If you feel it is an emergency and you cannot wait, contact a local urgent care center or emergency room. Ask for instructions regarding accessing the facility;
- Practice "social distancing" by avoiding mass gatherings and maintaining distance (approximately 6 feet) from others when possible;
- If you are experiencing a fever or symptoms of respiratory infection, such as cough or difficulty breathing, or had exposure to a COVID-19 patient and traveled to a high-risk area classified by the CDC, please contact Inova at 855-IMG-DOCS so we can assist you with recommendations and arrange a clinic appointment if indicated. Please do not show up at an Inova site for COVID-19 screening without calling ahead. After clinic hours, please call ahead to one of Inova's nine [urgent care centers](#) before visiting.

Is COVID-19 testing available through Inova?

Yes, testing is available across the Inova Health System based on clinical criteria outlined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Virginia Department of Health.

Starting Wednesday, March 25, Inova Urgent Care (UCC) locations at **Dulles South, North Arlington** and **Tysons** will staff Respiratory Illness Clinics to evaluate all patients with respiratory illness symptoms. Our three clinics will also be able to collect via physician ordered vehicle-side appointments samples for COVID-19 testing.

Before visiting any Inova Respiratory Illness Clinic, take the following steps:

1. Contact your regular physician for evaluation. For assistance with recommendations, to arrange for a physician appointment, or if you do not have a primary care physician, call 1-855-IMG-DOCS.
2. Your regular physician can evaluate your symptoms to determine if testing is indicated based on COVID-19 testing criteria and provide a testing order, or refer you to the Inova Respiratory Illness Clinic for evaluation.
3. Upon arrival at the Inova Respiratory Illness Clinic, a clinician will greet the patient at their vehicle to collect samples for a physician-ordered test, or escort the patient into the respiratory clinic for evaluation.

4. For patients who undergo COVID-19 testing, a UCC nurse will contact those whose results are negative. For patients with positive results, a UCC nurse will coordinate with the patient's regular physician for notification and further instructions. Patients who are tested can expect results in roughly 4-7 days.

Addresses and contact information for the Inova Respiratory Illness Clinics are as follows:

Inova Urgent Care – Dulles South

24801 Pinebrook Rd. #110
Chantilly, VA 20152
703-722-2500

Inova Urgent Care – N. Arlington

4600 Lee Hwy.
Arlington, VA 22207
571-492-3080

Inova Urgent Care – Tysons

8357 Leesburg Pike
Vienna, VA 22182
571-665-6440

Inova Urgent Care Center at North Arlington and Tysons will operate exclusively as respiratory illness clinics. All our other urgent care centers, including Inova Urgent Care – Dulles South, remain open to see all patients from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. daily, including weekends. They can be found at www.inova.org/urgentcare.

How can the public help Inova during this time?

Inova is currently experiencing a shortage of blood supply and inventory is expected to continue to drop with the shortage of donors due to COVID-19. Inova Blood Donor Services has implemented extra precautions to protect donors - it is safe to give blood, and your donation will save a life. Make an appointment at www.inovablood.org or 800-BLOOD-SAVES.

Additionally, individuals and businesses across our region have been extremely generous in offers for support, small and large. Inova has established a centralized online resource for opportunities for community support [linked here](#).

Visitation

Inova Health System has suspended all in-person visitation and is encouraging video meetings between patients and loved ones. Understanding that a family member, caregiver or visitor may be crucial for clinical and patient

care, exceptions to Inova's Visitation Guidance can be made in extenuating circumstances.

For more information on Inova's visitation policy, [follow this link](#).

Telemedicine

With the philosophy of trying to limit risk of exposure and spread of COVID-19 and to help our clinicians with greater flexibility to safely treat our patients, Inova has adopted a system-wide initiative that will allow patients to receive a wider range of healthcare services without having to travel to an Inova healthcare facility.

Inova is currently offering the option for appointments to be conducted via telemedicine (video or phone), with flexibility to meet in person if a clinician determines necessary.

How can I protect myself?

The best way to protect yourself and your community against the spread of COVID-19 is to avoid being exposed to the virus by:

- Practicing good hand hygiene,
- Covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue or the using the inside of your elbow,
- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick by practicing social distancing of six feet or more,
- Cleaning high-touch surfaces regularly, and
- Staying home if you feel sick.

For more information on how to protect yourself, visit www.cdc.gov or www.vdh.virginia.gov.

Transit System Changes Beginning March 30

The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors has approved changes to Loudoun County Transit service due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The Board approved adjustments to transit service and a waiver of fares during an emergency business meeting Wednesday. The changes, which are effective March 30, 2020, include:

Commuter Bus Service: Temporarily suspend all commuter bus routes to and from Washington DC, Rosslyn, Crystal City and the Pentagon.

Metro-Connection: Reduce or suspend service on all routes.

Metro Connection and Local Fixed Routes: Waive fare collection for up to 60 days with the ability for an extension.

Metro Connection: Passenger loading through the rear door, where available, to meet social distancing protocols.

There are no service changes recommended for the Local Fixed Route service at this time. Future changes may be recommended as more ridership data is collected and analyzed.

The Metro Connection routes, which provide service to and from Metrorail stations, will continue to operate with the following service changes:

- Reduction in morning and afternoon trips for:
 - Routes 901 and 902, serving Potomac Falls to Ballston Metrorail Station;
 - Routes 923 and 924, serving Goose Creek Village/Broadlands to Wiehle-Reston East Metrorail Station;
 - Routes 925 and 926, serving Loudoun Station to Wiehle-Reston East Metrorail Station;
 - Route 88X, serving Dulles South/East Gate to Wiehle-Reston East Metrorail Station.
- Suspension of service for Routes 921 and 922, serving Harmony/Leesburg to Wiehle-Reston East.

Although Loudoun County Transit continues to be available to serve residents who have no alternate way to travel during this time, passengers are reminded that the most effective way to prevent the spread of illness is to follow the recommendations from public health officials. If you are not feeling well or have symptoms of illness, please stay home and avoid taking public transportation.

Over the coming weeks, Loudoun County Transit will continue to monitor ridership and services for possible additional changes. Stay up to date about any service changes or modified schedules at loudoun.gov/buschanges.

For information and updates regarding Loudoun County's COVID-19 response, including guidance from health officials, visit loudoun.gov/coronavirus.

2020 Census

The 2020 Census is up and ready to be completed!

The 2020 Census Begins This Month – Top 5 Things to Know

The 2020 Census opens on March 12th, and your response ensures every family in Loudoun has services and resources to thrive. For every child or adult not counted in the 2020 Census, Loudoun County loses \$2,000 each year for the next decade. Ready to respond? Here are the Top 5 Things to Know:

1. **Respond online at 2020Census.gov.** You will receive a letter in the mail between March 12th and 20th with instructions for how to respond online. The letter will include a code corresponding to your address that you will enter online. If you prefer to respond by paper form, do not respond online and a paper form will arrive in mid-April. OPTIONAL: A sample of the mailer can be found below.

2. **The Census only takes 10 minutes**, and you can respond at your convenience.

3. **Avoid Fraud** – Do NOT click a link in an email to respond to the Census. The Census will not ask for your Social Security Number, financial information, email address, or immigration status.

4. **Everyone Counts.** From 1 day old to over 100 years old, anyone that lives in your home most of the time counts. If you have a child in college, they will either be counted by their school in on-campus housing or should



complete the Census as normal using their own off-campus address.

5. Encourage Your Neighbors to Respond. Many Loudoun residents may not have participated in the Census before. Let your neighbors know how the Census impacts the community and how to respond. The Census is available in 13 languages online.

Census Mailer (March 12-20)

• **English:** Your invitation to respond to the Census will be mailed to your home next/this week—do you know what it looks like? Watch the mail in mid-March for your invitation to respond!

• **Spanish:** La invitación para que responda al Censo será enviada a su casa. ¿Sabe cómo es la invitación? ¡Esté pendiente del correo a mediados de marzo para comprobar que haya recibido su invitación para responder!

What Questions are on the Census Form?

English: Is 2020 your first Census? Make sure you keep your information safe by knowing what questions are and are NOT asked on your form. Respond beginning March 12/today at 2020Census.gov

Spanish: ¿Es el Censo de 2020 su primer censo? Asegúrese de proteger la confidencialidad de su información sabiendo qué preguntas se hacen y qué preguntas NO se hacen en su

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United States
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2020**

U.S. Census Bureau
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Jeffersonville IN 47132

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Your response is required by law.

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Dear Resident:

This is your invitation to respond to the **2020 Census**. We need your help to count everyone in the United States by providing basic information about all adults, children, and babies living or staying at this address.

Results from the 2020 Census will be used to:

- Direct billions of dollars in federal funds to local communities for schools, roads, and other public services.
- Help your community prepare to meet transportation and emergency readiness needs.
- Determine the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives and your political representation at all levels of government.

Respond by April 1 at
[url removed]

Your Census ID is:
[Census ID removed]

The Census Bureau is using the internet to securely collect your information. Responding online helps us conserve natural resources, save taxpayer money, and process data more efficiently. If you are unable to complete your 2020 Census questionnaire online, we will send you a paper questionnaire in a few weeks for you to complete and mail back.

The census is so important that your response is required by law, and your answers are kept completely confidential. If you do not respond, we will need to send a Census Bureau interviewer to your home to collect your answers in person. If you need help completing your 2020 Census questionnaire, please call toll-free [phone number removed].

Thank you for your prompt response.

Sincerely,

Steven D. Dillingham
Director

Enclosures

Mensaje importante: Para completar su cuestionario del Censo del 2020, visite [url removed] o llame gratis al [phone number removed].

WHAT DOES THE CENSUS ASK?

The **2020 Census** questions help families. They determine federal funding for schools, housing, and healthcare and draw voting districts. Please answer each question as completely as possible.

- ✓ GENDER AND AGE
- ✓ RACE/ETHNICITY
- ✓ NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN HOME
- ✗ IMMIGRATION STATUS
- ✗ SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER
- ✗ FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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Local Video – Four Things to Know About the 2020 Census

Your Loudoun County neighbors have important information to share about the 2020 Census and how it can build brighter futures right here in Loudoun County. Here are four things to know: It's safe. It's easy. It's important. Everyone Counts!

Loudoun Impact

· Did you know the Census impacts everyone in Loudoun County for the next 10 years? Ensure our fair share of funding for schools, roads, healthcare, and more by responding when your invitation arrives in March. Watch below to learn more or visit loudoun.gov/2020Census.

· Video Link:

2020census.gov/en/partners/psa-toolkit/data.html

Video Link (English)

Video Link (Spanish)

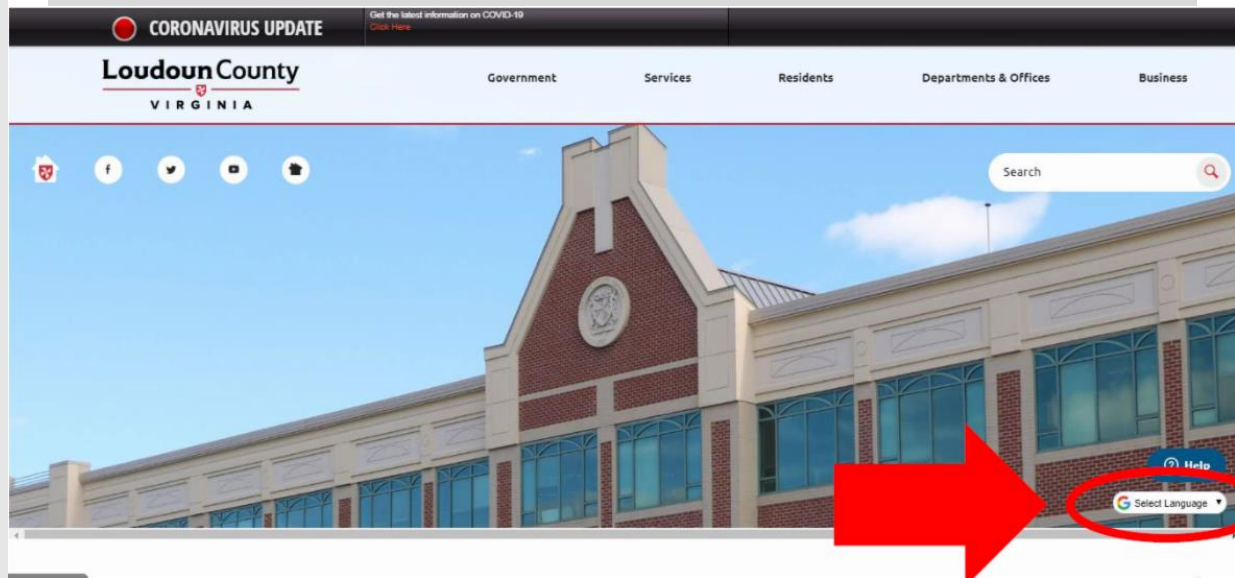
Translate Loudoun.gov Into Spanish

The county has produced additional and updated resources to assist Spanish speaking residents in Loudoun with accessing COVID-19 information on the county's website.

These instructional resources are in Spanish and help users log on to loudoun.gov, translate the website into Spanish, and navigate the COVID-19 content to find the latest updates. The video also demonstrates how to translate the CDC's website into Spanish. The county has also created a new "Spanish Resources" webpage on which a number of existing Spanish language resources are consolidated to assist our community partners with accessing and disseminating COVID-19 information in Spanish through their communication channels/networks to Spanish speaking residents in our community.

[How to Translate Loudoun.gov into Spanish](#) - Video (Spanish)

[How to Translate Loudoun.gov into Spanish](#) - Print Instructions (Spanish)
[Spanish Language Resources](#) - Webpage



Loudoun County Board of Supervisors Endorses Initiation of Amendment to Kincora Plans

The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors has endorsed a collaboration between Loudoun County and the ownership of Kincora Village Center. During its March 17, 2020 meeting, the board voted to endorse initiating an amendment to the project's current land use applications in order to accommodate the relocation of the Northern Virginia Regional Science Center within the Kincora development. The revised application will also allow a redesign of the concept plan for the development and consideration of 800 additional multifamily housing units.

The Science Center, a partnership between the [Children's Science Center](#) and the Science Museum of Virginia, is scheduled to be within the Kincora project, a 6.7 million-square-foot, mixed-use development at the intersection of Route 7 and Route 28. The center will include two floors of exhibits and workshops as well as programs to engage children and families in hands-on learning.

The proposed Regional Science Center had expressed interest in moving from its presently planned one-acre site in Kincora to a larger, 4.87-acre site that allows for future expansion and enhanced programming. The new site would provide the center with improved access to Kincora's natural features, including nature trails and one of the region's largest blue heron rookeries, for its educational programs.

The relocation of the Science Museum would also move the planned building site to a location that would serve as an anchor to Kincora's envisioned Main Street Corridor, along with a second anchor, the planned National Museum of Intelligence and Special Operations. Kincora will include a variety of retail, hotel, restaurant and residential options, providing a regional tourist destination as well as a science and technology employment hub. In addition, the proposed development includes 12 acres of civic space for the greater Loudoun community.

With the Regional Science Center move and the addition of 800 residential units to Kincora, the county moves toward furthering its goal of successful mixed-use communities that will provide a diverse array of housing options in the suburban planning area. The opportunity to create a dense mixed-use neighborhood, consistent with the county's comprehensive plan, will help fill existing county housing gaps. Housing options at Kincora include the Jameson Apartments and Lennar condominiums, as well as the Heronview apartment complex, which provides 96 units of affordable and workforce housing.

A 230-acre park, encompassing 160 acres in Kincora and 71 acres at Commonwealth Center, will connect to the planned Broad Run Stream Valley Park, which will facilitate collaborative programming between the Science Center and the Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services. The park will also connect to the Potomac Heritage National Scenic Trail, creating a seamless trail connection allowing users to go from Washington, D.C. all the way to Harpers Ferry.

The Kincora project also includes more than \$80 million in supporting infrastructure, including significant road improvements and the earlier dedication of land for the recently constructed Kincora fire and rescue station.

Following the Board's action, the application will proceed to the Planning Commission following staff review. The Board's endorsement of the process to review the changes in the application will allow for the design and construction schedule for the Science Museum to stay on track for completion in 2023.

Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2021

Loudoun's budget season is coming to a close as all work sessions have finished. The Board will officially approve the fiscal year 2021 budget at the April 7 business meeting. The budget we arrived at will set a real property tax rate of \$1.035 per \$100 of assessed value, one cent below the current real property tax rate of \$1.045 per \$100 of assessed value. However, the average

property owner will see an increase in their real property tax payment as property assessments around the county have gone up.

At my request, the board voted to add a Homeless Assistance Team to Loudoun's Family Services Department in the amount of \$273,664. Especially with COVID-19 leading to many lost jobs in Loudoun, I feel homelessness will be on the rise. I also know through personal experience that youth homelessness in Loudoun is prevalent, as one of my son's friends stayed with us for a period of time after he lost his home. I would like the county to be staffed with the resources to help those who have fallen on hard times, especially our young residents.

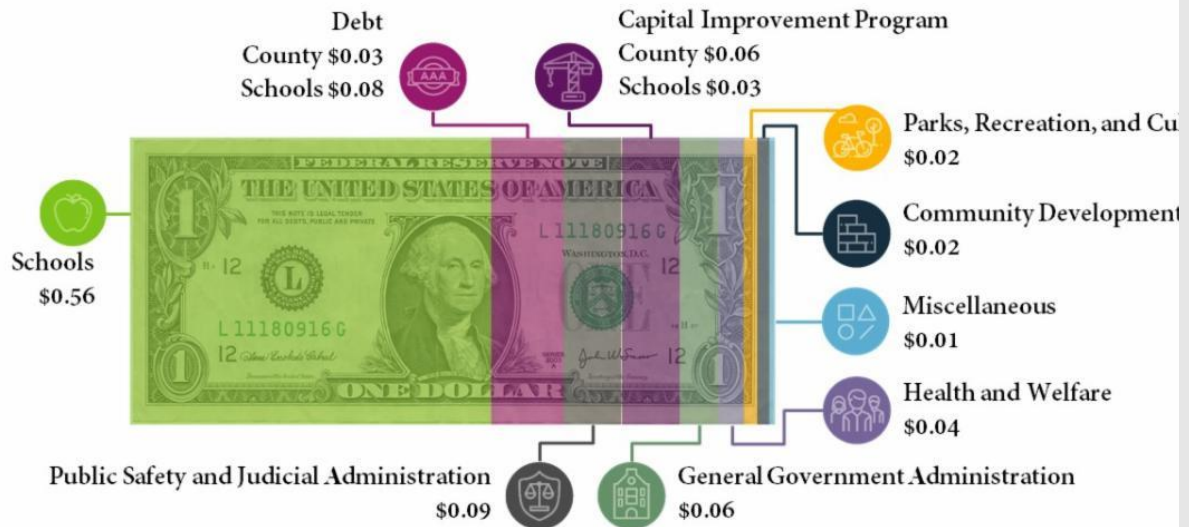
The county administrator has also recommended to the board additional preparations in anticipation of the probable economic fallout from COVID-19. The county administrator will freeze hiring on all new positions created in the FY 2021 budget. The board will then be able to release the hiring freeze on positions that need to be immediately hired based on need. This could free up to \$15 million dollars that the board could reallocate to other areas of county services, depending on how COVID-19 impacts our residents. The board will also put over \$3 million into a reserve fund that could be used for the schools or other county functions. Since both state and county revenues will likely decline in the near future, this will allow some wiggle room for us to reallocate funds.

If you would like to read more information on the budget, including the FY 2021 proposed budget, the County Administrator's FY 2021 budget presentation, the schedule for Board of Supervisors budget work sessions and the Board's Finance/Government Operations and Economic Development Committee's CIP work sessions, please visit loudoun.gov/budget.

Your Tax Dollar at Work

Proposed FY21 Budget

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Loudoun County Accepting Applications from Nonprofits for Property Tax Exemptions

Loudoun County Commissioner of the Revenue Robert S. Wertz Jr. is accepting applications from nonprofit organizations seeking an exemption from Loudoun County real and/or personal property taxes for the 2021 tax year. The deadline to apply for the exemption is April 1, 2020.

Most charitable nonprofit organizations are not automatically exempt from local property taxes in the Commonwealth, even those that may be exempt from federal income taxes. The filing of an application with the Commissioner of the Revenue is the necessary first step to obtain a local real estate or personal property tax exemption.

Completed applications should be returned to the Commissioner of the Revenue postmarked no later than Wednesday, April 1, 2020, for consideration this year. Any exemption, if granted, would be effective January 1, 2021.

Nonprofit organizations that have already received an exemption from Loudoun County property taxes need not file an application.

Organizations that are unsure of their status may contact the Exemptions and Deferrals Division of the Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue at 703-737-8557 or at trcor@loudoun.gov for further information.

More information, including links to the application for property tax exemption, is available at loudoun.gov/cor.

Loudoun Tourism Grant Application for Fiscal Year 2021 is Online

Loudoun County's annual Tourism Grant process is underway with the posting of the Fiscal Year 2021 (FY 2021) grant application at loudoun.gov/TourismGrant. The grant program is designed to support local tourism initiatives and events that drive tourists to Loudoun County.

Nonprofits, municipalities, and businesses located in Loudoun County are invited to apply for funding for projects to attract regional and national visitors to Loudoun County.

Loudoun County's Tourism Grants are designed to support initiatives that bring more visitors to Loudoun County, increase overnight stays in Loudoun hotels, and enhance the overall attractiveness and marketability of Loudoun County as a destination. These may include new or enhanced attractions, events, programs, or marketing campaigns.

Funding from the program is to be spent solely on initiatives that increase tourism or qualifying tourism promotions consistent with state code and the Board of Supervisors' Restricted Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) funding policy.

For FY 2021, which begins July 1, 2020, the Board has prioritized funding opportunities that support partnerships between multiple organizations, including tourism and hospitality-related businesses.

Any organization interested in submitting a request for funds must complete the grant application online. Applications must be submitted by 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 15, 2020. Additional information about the process, as well as a link to the online application form, may be found at loudoun.gov/TourismGrant.

Questions about the process may be directed to Megan Cox in the Department of Finance and Budget by [email](#) or by phone at 703-777-0539.

2020 Loudoun County Real Estate Assessments Available Online

Loudoun County Commissioner of the Revenue Robert S. Wertz Jr. announces that Loudoun County real estate assessments for tax year 2020 are now available online at loudoun.gov/parceldatabase. Printed assessment notices will be mailed to property owners this week.

The assessment notices, which are not tax bills, communicate to property owners the value of their real property as of January 1, 2020, and are reflective of real estate market activity that occurred during 2019. The assessed value together with the tax rate set by the Board of Supervisors in April will provide the basis for real estate tax bills that will be due on June 5 and December 7.

The date to file an Application for Review with the Commissioner of the Revenue has passed. Appeals may be made to the [Board of Equalization](#) until June 1, 2020.

The county's total taxable real estate increased to \$89.9 billion, up 7.6% overall. The typical existing condominium saw the largest average year-over-year increase in value of 8.14% while agricultural parcels 20 to 99 acres declined 9.6%. The average detached, single-family home was up 2.68%. The total value of taxable commercial property in the county came in at \$19.6 billion, up 7.43% over 2019. These numbers are only averages and property owners may see changes that are more or less than these figures.

Property owners may communicate with their respective appraiser whose name and contact information is listed on the assessment notice. They may also call the Commissioner of the Revenue's office at 703 777-0260 weekdays during regular business hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or email realestate@loudoun.gov.

The Commissioner of the Revenue's offices are located at the Loudoun County Government Center, 1 Harrison Street SE in Leesburg and in the Loudoun Tech Center at 21641 Ridgetop Circle, Suite 100, in Sterling. More information about the Commissioner of the Revenue is online at loudoun.gov/cor.

Signatures of Loudoun Design Awards Program Nomination Period Extended to April 10

The Loudoun County Design Cabinet is extending the nomination period for the 2020 Signatures of Loudoun Awards program.

The nomination period is now open through April 10, 2020.

For more information, and to nominate a favorite Loudoun building, project, or place, visit loudoun.gov/SignaturesofLoudoun.

Broad Run Business Spotlight: Ashburn Ice House



Phone: 703-858-0300

Website: AshburnIce.com

Address: 21595 Smith Switch Rd, Ashburn

Ashburn Ice House is a state-of-the-art facility located conveniently in the center of Ashburn. Since 1998, the Ashburn Ice House has provided an outlet for figure skaters, hockey players, just-for-fun folks and first-daters. From pure recreation to pro competition, Ashburn Ice House is where Loudoun County skates. The Ashburn Ice House features two indoor NHL-sized ice rinks, party space, locker rooms, a full-service ProShop, a weight training facility, and an in-house restaurant Pomodoros. The Ice House is easily accessible off of Route 28 and Route 7. The facility is a year round indoor ice skating facility.

Apply to Serve as the Broad Run District Representative on the Loudoun County Heritage Commission

The Heritage Commission advises the Board of Supervisors on issues regarding the County's heritage resources and the implementation of the Countywide Heritage Preservation Plan. The Commission supports and encourages the identification, documentation, protection and preservation of the County's natural and cultural heritage.

Each supervisor nominates a commissioner to represent their respective district in Loudoun. The Broad Run District seat is open and ready to be filled by someone who is passionate about history and heritage.

The Commission meets at 6:30pm on the first Tuesday of every month at the County Government Center (1 Harrison Street, SE, Leesburg, Virginia 20175)

To find out more about the Heritage Commission by reading its by-laws and past meeting minutes, visit loudoun.gov/2293/Heritage-Commission. If you would like to apply, you can do so through this link: <https://lfportal.loudoun.gov/Forms/AdvisoryApp>.

Community Organization Events and Updates

Ashburn Volunteer Fire & Rescue (Check ashburnfirerescue.org for cancellations)

April 19th - 8:00am - Pancake Breakfast - 12:00pm, Station 6, Founders Hall, 20668 Ashburn Road. Bring family and friends. \$9 Adults, \$6 Seniors, \$5 children 3-12, Children under 3 Free. (No parking at Mediterranean Breeze parking lot). See our website for further details ashburnfirerescue.org

April 28th - Prospective Members Meeting - 7:00pm - Station 6, Founders Hall, 20668 Ashburn Road,
Gear up and join the action! Benefits. 'Limited Opportunities Available - sign up now!'

Founders Hall - Our newly remodeled AVFRD Founders Hall facility is now ready for your next event. Looking for a place to hold a wedding, meeting, holiday party, birthday party or other special event? Check us out at founders-hall.com.

Ashburn Volunteer Fire & Rescue - Celebrating 75 Years!!! of continuous service to the Ashburn community.

OUR MISSION: The Ashburn Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department (AVFRD) is committed to protecting the lives and property of Ashburn and Loudoun County residents and visitors by providing the best possible fire, rescue, emergency and medical response services. We pledge to perform our duty

Community Emergency Relief Fund

The Community Foundation for Loudoun and Northern Fauquier Counties has established a Community Emergency Relief Fund to accept and strategically disburse funding to address COVID-19 emergency response and relief efforts in Loudoun and Northern Fauquier Counties. The Community Foundation will work closely with local nonprofit organizations to provide grants to agencies to meet both immediate and long-term needs related to the impact of COVID-19. communityfoundationlf.org



Community Emergency Relief Fund

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Breakfast at the Firehouse

www.ashburnfirerescue.org

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March 8, April 19, May 10, June 14

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.



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Are you a small business/entrepreneur looking for assistance?

Mason Enterprise Center Leesburg/Loudoun County is a small business incubator that fosters the evolution of existing companies that are scalable and want to grow. The center provides office space and business services in a shared-cost, peer-to-peer, entrepreneurial environment. In addition, companies are connected to expertise, resources and business coaching from the Small Business Development Center at MEC-Leesburg. The center can help to accelerate business growth and improve long-term success. The Mason Enterprise Center network is focused on providing direct business assistance services while working to accelerate the culture of entrepreneurship and innovation within the region.

Phone: 703-466-0466

Web:

masonenterprisecenterloudoun.com

Location: 202 Church Street, SE, Leesburg

Useful Information

Loudoun Alerts

Stay up to date with school closings, traffic updates, and weather information by signing up for [Loudoun Alerts](#), using your email and/or phone number.

Board of Supervisors Information

[Be informed](#)

about everything that comes in front of the BOS. Watch meeting videos, view documents, read reports, and sign up to speak.

School Board

View School Board, and general Loudoun School information on [LCPS.org](#). Also, get to know Broad Run District School Board Member [Leslee King](#).

Virginia Real ID

Starting October 1, 2021, a "Real ID" will be needed to board airplanes in the United States. Find out whether your ID already complies by visiting the [DMV website](#).

Crosswalk Safety

As the weather warms and more people are out, remember to be cautious around pedestrian areas. [On roads above 35 mph, drivers are NOT required to yield to pedestrians.](#)

Loudoun Capital Improvements

There are tons of transportation and capital improvement projects happening all around the county. Check them out on an [interactive map](#).

Report a Road problem

Notice a pothole or fallen street sign? Report the problem to VDOT via their [online form](#). Most roads in Loudoun are maintained by VDOT, not local government.

Make a County Suggestion

[Loudoun Express Request \(LEx\)](#)

is a citizen request system for the public to submit requests for service and report concerns to the county government.

Loudoun County Public Libraries

Libraries are not just a place to read a book. [LCPL](#) offers seminars, classes, and shows for all ages, as well as free spaces for community meetings.

E-Scooters

Loudoun County has enacted an electric scooter [pilot program](#), around the future metro stations, to see how e-scooters will be used in anticipation of Metro's arrival.

Hazardous Waste

Sheriff Reports

[Crime reports are posted](#)

Safe2Talk App

[Safe2Talk is a free app](#)

Fire Safety

The effects of a fire can be

Make A Plan

All throughout the year it is

Not everything should be thrown in the trash. [Find out when, where, what, and how](#) to dispose of dangerous household items. 2020 Waste Days are announced.

[each regular business day](#). These reports are not all-inclusive for cases reported, but only those noted for media interest.

allows residents of Loudoun County to anonymously report school safety concerns to the County Sheriff's Office.

devastating! Loudoun Fire understands the best way to fight fires and reduce injuries is [by preventing them](#) in the first place.

important to have a personal emergency plan. Find out more on how to help your household prepare at [Loudoun.gov](#).

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