

Hello, Loudoun

Today, Governor Ralph Northam issued a statewide Stay at Home order to protect the health and safety of Virginians and mitigate the spread of COVID-19. The executive order takes effect immediately and will remain in place until June 10th, unless amended or rescinded by a further executive order.

Individuals may leave their residences for the purpose of:

- Obtaining food, beverages, goods, or services as permitted in Executive Order 53;
- Seeking medical attention, essential social services, governmental services, assistance from law enforcement, or emergency services;
- Taking care of other individuals, animals, or visiting the home of a family member;
- Traveling required by court order or to facilitate child custody, visitation, or child care;
- Engaging in outdoor activity, including exercise, provided individuals comply with social distancing requirements;
- Traveling to and from one's residence, place of worship, or work;
- Traveling to and from an educational institution;
- Volunteering with organizations that provide charitable or social services; and
- Leaving one's residence due to a reasonable fear for health or safety, at the direction of law enforcement, or at the direction of another government agency.

Governor's press release

The Virginia Department of Health reports there is evidence of community spread in Northern Virginia with 61 COVID-19 cases in Loudoun County and 1,020 COVID-19 cases in Virginia as of March 30th. We need everyone's help to stop the spread. To lower the risk of transmission, the Health Department recommends the following:

• 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 contact their providers earlier when they are sick. Call ahead to let them know of your symptoms.

County's coronavirus website

Virginia Department of Health website

Personal Protective Equipment

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 PPE to donate should submit the online form by visiting the website listed below with details about the available equipment. You will be contacted by a County representative to coordinate the donation.

The County is also fielding requests from Loudoun-based health care providers and facilities in need of PPE. Requests can be made through the County website.



Volunteer Opportunities

I've received several inquiries about how you can help serve the community. Residents, businesses and organizations who want to help fill community needs are encouraged to make donations to local community-based organizations. Also, on an individual basis, residents are encouraged to touch base with their neighbors, particularly those who are older, and offer to lend a hand with gathering necessities.

How you can help website

Emergency Meeting Report

At the March 25th Board emergency meeting, we adopted an emergency ordinance that allows public meetings and public hearings be held through real time electronic means (including audio, telephonic, video or other practical electronic medium) without a quorum physically present in the board room. Public comment will be solicited by electronic means in advance and will also be solicited through telephonic or other electronic means during the course of the electronic meeting. All public comments will be provided to us at or before the electronic meeting and made part of the public record for that meeting.

We also voted to change transit services and waive transit fees during the COVID-19 emergency. Please visit the website to stay up to date about any service changes or modified schedules.

Transit website

Loudoun, I want to acknowledge all who are working through this crisis. Of course, we always appreciate our first responders and hospital staff, but grocers, sanitation workers, custodians, truck drivers, and many others are key to our societal health. Join me in thanking them all. Thank you.

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