

COVID-19 Update



Governor's Update

Governor Northam announced that he will be creating a team consisting of leaders in both K-12 education and higher education to examine the issue of school restarting this fall. The team will coordinate with public health officials

throughout the state and they plan to issue next steps for Virginia's educational facilities in the coming weeks.

A <u>new website</u> with housing resources has also been created to assist individuals affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Various resources and tools are listed for renters, homeowners, landlords, and the homeless. In addition, the website illustrates what housing protections are available at both the state and federal levels.



Loudoun County to Offer Free COVID-19 Testing

Loudoun County will host free, drive-through testing for COVID-19 at Philip A. Bolen Memorial Park, 42405 Claudia Drive in Leesburg, Wednesday, May 20, 2020, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The testing is open to all and will occur rain or shine.

No appointments are necessary. There are no age or residency requirements. A person does not have to exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 in order to be tested. No prescription is necessary. Anyone who is tested will be asked to provide contact information for the test results, which should be available within a week.

Those attending the testing will enter Philip A. Bolen Memorial Park from Crosstrail Boulevard onto Loudoun United Drive. They will be:

- Directed into parking lots and into lanes for drive-through testing.
- Asked for their name, date of birth, address, phone number and current symptoms, if any.
- Asked to proceed to the next station to have their specimen collected. A
 nasal swab is preferred, but oral swabs are available upon request.
- Asked to proceed to the exit.

This is a one-day event. No other testing dates are scheduled at this time.



Virginia Department of Health Looking to Hire 1,300 Contractors

The Virginia Department of Health is now recruiting 1,300 contractors for various positions to support COVID-19 efforts, including case investigator,

contact tracer, testing coordinator, contact tracing supervisor, data manager, and analytics coordinator. If you are interested in any of these positions, visit this <u>list</u> of staffing agencies where you can apply.



Two Loudoun Courts Opening on a Limited Basis

Beginning today, the Loudoun County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court and General District Court will resume hearing non-emergency matters in person. The two Loudoun courts are

reopening on a limited basis to handle cases that have been continued as well as new cases coming into the court system. The dockets were limited only to emergency cases over the past weeks, which has resulted in a growing backlog in the courts.

Before entering the courthouse, all members of the public, as well as employees, will be assessed for possible COVID-19 risk and screened for elevated temperature. Cloth face coverings will also be required for admittance to the courthouse. Anyone who wishes to bring their own face covering may do so; if a visitor does not have a face covering, one will be provided before admittance. These protocols apply to both entrances of the courthouse: the Market Street public entrance and the King Street attorney and staff entrance.

Attorneys and parties to cases, essential witnesses, those filing a pleading, persons with appointments, members of the media, and court-watch groups will be admitted if they do not have a temperature of 100.4 degrees or greater and do not have a COVID-19 exposure risk factor. Others will not be admitted at this time.

Steps will also be taken in order to ensure recommended physical distancing throughout the courts facilities. Courthouse visitors must comply with social distancing requirements.

If a person does not meet the entrance requirements, he or she cannot enter the courthouse, but will be able to conduct business with the courts online, by phone or by video appearance. Courts will continue to conduct as much business as possible by means other than in-person court proceedings. Continuances will be granted by each court for any person prohibited from entering the courthouse.

Please share any messages of hope you see. Submissions may be sent to Zachary Harris at and we'll share them in our updates and newsletter.

If you are having trouble paying your utilities because of COVID-19, visit the County's webpage on <u>COVID-19 Utilities</u>. You will find program information on:

Columbia Gas
Dominion Power
Loudoun Water
NOVEC
Washington Gas
Wi-fi Connectivity

For More Current COVID-19 Information

Visit: www.loudoun.gov/CoronaVirus
Call: (703) 737-8300
Email: Health@Loudoun.gov

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