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# All About Algonkian



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## COVID-19 Update

COVID19 NUMBERS	
VIRGINIA	
	56,238
	5,744
	1,586
LOUDOUN	
	3,499
	228
	82

### Governor's Updates

In today's press briefing, Governor Ralph Northam reiterated that Virginia will not be entering Phase 3 this week and outlined the following activities that will be permitted:

- Gatherings of up to 250 can occur
- Cap on restaurants, retail lifted with physical distancing still required
- Zoos, museums can open at 50 percent capacity
- Gym and fitness centers can be open at 75 percent capacity
- Physical distancing will still be required at barbershops and hair salons
- Overnight summer camps will remain closed

Governor Northam also promised that his administration will increase outreach to the Latino community, one of the most severely impacted demographics in the Commonwealth. For example, Latinos represent 10 percent of Virginia's population but account for roughly 35 percent of hospitalizations. Governor Northam attributed COVID-19's disproportionate impact to a greater number of Latinos being uninsured and/or working high risk jobs. Outreach efforts will include translation services, partnering with Spanish language media outlets, and free testing for communities with a significant Latino population.

Lastly, Governor Northam announced a special program to assist visual artists impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic: the Virginia Artist Relief Fellowship Program. Forty (40) visual artists from the Commonwealth will be selected to each receive a \$5,000 grant. To be eligible, applicants must live and work in Virginia, be 21 years

of age or older, and derive a significant part of their income from their artwork including sales and lectures. Applications must be received online between June 16, 2020 and July 10, 2020. Recipients will be notified of grant awards on July 24, 2020. Complete eligibility requirements and the application can be found on the museum's website at [www.VMFA.museum](http://www.VMFA.museum).



## Deadline Extended to Apply for CARES Act Funding

Loudoun County has extended the deadline for nonprofit and faith-based organizations affected by the COVID-19 pandemic to apply for \$2 million in grants.

Due to the Juneteenth holiday June 19, 2020, the new deadline to apply is 5:00 p.m., Monday, June 22, 2020. Loudoun County is allocating \$2 million for eligible nonprofit and faith-based organizations affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The allocation is part of the federal funding made available to the county through the Commonwealth of Virginia from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

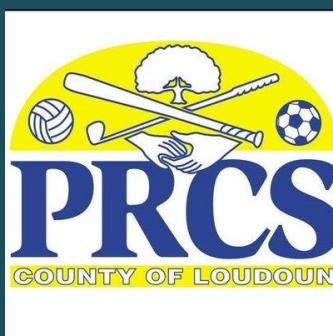
The funds will be available to Loudoun nonprofits and faith-based organizations who meet this criteria:

- Are in good standing with the Virginia State Corporation Commission.
- Can provide proof of nonprofit status.
- Can provide copies of IRS Form 990 for the past three years.
- Can demonstrate their services have been affected by COVID-19.

The county is accepting funding requests for three programs:

- **Emergency Food Assistance Program:** This program is an extension of the Food Assistance Program that began in April. Organizations may request funding for the purchase of food and food delivery expenses.
- **COVID-19 Service Expansion Program:** This program will provide funds to organizations that demonstrate they have significantly expanded their services due to COVID-19.
- **Nonprofit Service Interruption Program:** This program will provide funds to organizations that can demonstrate they have had to interrupt their services due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Applications and more information about the process may be found online at [loudoun.gov/GrantOpportunities](http://loudoun.gov/GrantOpportunities).



## PRCS Registration is Underway

Registration is underway for summer classes and activities offered by the Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS). Summer programs begin Monday, June 22, 2020, at most PRCS centers and parks in accordance with Phase Two reopening guidelines. Guidelines include occupancy limits for recreational amenities, including pools and fitness/workout areas. Program areas, content and enrollment will be modified to accommodate social distancing requirements, including 10-feet for active recreational pursuits. [Read the news release.](#)

[Review all PRCS openings, closures and operational changes.](#)



## VDH COVID-19 Dashboard to Include More Detailed Race and Ethnicity Data

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) will change how race and ethnicity data are presented. This update will provide a more detailed look at the effects of COVID-19 on minority populations across Virginia. "We see, for instance, that COVID-19 is disproportionately affecting Virginia's Latinx population. Although Latinx people make up 10 percent of the state's population, they account for 45 percent of the COVID-19 cases, 35 percent of the hospitalizations and 11 percent of the deaths," said Virginia State Health Commissioner M. Normal Oliver, M.D., M.A. [Read the news release.](#)

Please share any messages of hope you see. Submissions may be sent to Zachary Harris at [zachary.harris@loudoun.gov](mailto:zachary.harris@loudoun.gov) 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 [COVID-19 Utilities](#). 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](http://www.loudoun.gov/CoronaVirus)

Call: (703) 737-8300

Email: [Health@Loudoun.gov](mailto:Health@Loudoun.gov)

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