



COVID-19 UPDATES ~AUGUST 24, 2020~

Spanish Communication Updates for Loudoun's Rent Assistance Program

To communicate the recent updates to the Limited Rent Assistance program to the county's Spanish speaking community, the county followed yesterday's news release with two communications:

1. A Spanish text message to the COVID19ESP subscriber list; and,
2. An email to our community partners with information about the program and links to the English and Spanish versions of the news release, a sample text message, and a flyer.

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Regístrese para recibir actualizaciones por texto en español

Envíe un mensaje de texto con **LCCOVIDESP** al **888777** para actualizaciones diarias relacionadas con el coronavirus (COVID-19) en el condado de Loudoun.

Visite loudoun.gov/COVIDespanol para más actualizaciones en español.

The county's news release also goes to Hispanic media, and ran in [El Tiempo Latino](#).

- Here are direct links to the county's news release that announces the new application and explains the program: [English](#) | [Spanish](#).
- We have crafted a short text message than can be used as a social media post linking people directly to the information:

El condado de Loudoun lanza una solicitud en línea para el programa de asistencia para el alquiler: <https://bit.ly/3hsnxWI>

We've also created a flyer that includes information on the Limited Rent Assistance program as well as additional resources for those facing a rental crisis: [English and Spanish](#).

All of these resources and more are available on our [Spanish-language resources page](#).

LCPS to Release Virtual First Day to Families on Friday, August 28th



Virtual First Day is an initiative designed to collect information parents need to start a new school year in one convenient location. Now in its third year, Virtual First Day also reduces the amount of paper and copying used since there are no longer "first day folders" coming home from schools. The process is especially important this year as LCPS

opens in the 100% distance learning environment.

An email link will be sent to parents via the Blackboard Mass Notification system on Friday, August 28. A link to Virtual First Day also will be posted to the LCPS website and each school's website.

On the Virtual First Day website, parents will find a number of important resources, including:

- School Calendar
- COVID Mitigation Documents
- Student Rights and Responsibilities
- Parent Resources
- Guide and Directory to the LCPS division
- Program of Studies for Secondary Students
- Free and Reduced Lunch Application
- McKinney-Vento Application
- Insurance Information

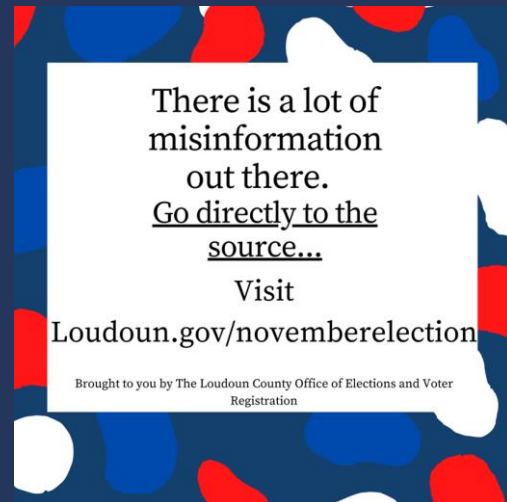
- LCPS Mobile App Details

Voting: There's A Lot of Misinformation Out There

Now Three Ways to Vote: Pick the Option that Works Best for You

All registered voters in Virginia now have the option to vote at home, vote early or vote on election day. No excuses required no matter your choice. Just click on the voting option you would like for more information.

- Vote at Home: Request your ballot online or by mailing us a request form. We'll mail your ballot and important information to you. You'll fill it out, have it witnessed, and send it back.
- Vote Early: Early voting will be available at the Office of Elections in Leesburg starting September 18, 2020, plus for the two weeks prior to the election we'll add satellite absentee locations.
- Vote on Election Day: Vote at your normal polling place on election day. Polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m..



Stay Informed

Stay informed by signing up for text updates from the Loudoun County Office of Elections and Voter Registration by texting '**LCVOTES**' to **888777**.

There is a lot of misinformation out there, so be sure to go directly to the Loudoun election site for reliable information about the 2020 Presidential Election at loudoun.gov/novemberelection

COVID Updates from Loudoun Water



Loudoun Water has been participating in a nation-wide COVID-19 surveillance study in collaboration with the University of Arizona and Tulane University.

They have also been monitoring the progress of CDC's surveillance program. The CDC is currently focusing their efforts on developing a network of laboratories to perform virus analysis on wastewater samples from key locations. That effort is currently focused on developing best practices for collecting, handling, and processing samples.

The CDC has focused on 'hotspot' regions of the pandemic in the U.S. – Florida, New York, and California. Loudoun Water will continue to follow all the progress on these programs very closely.

[Learn More About the Surveillance Program](#)

Upcoming Family Volunteer Opportunity

Delivering meals to homebound seniors helps students earn community service hours while distance learning and makes a difference in the lives of vulnerable Loudoun residents. Parents and school-age children can offer less than two hours of their time weekly or monthly to support the Home Delivered Meals Program (HDM) administered by the Loudoun County Area Agency on Aging.



Volunteers safely deliver nutritious, noontime meals to individuals confined to their home. Drivers are needed weekdays in Ashburn, Leesburg, Purcellville and Sterling.

HDM volunteers use their personal vehicle to deliver the meals along a specified route. Email angela.lambert@loudoun.gov or call 703-771-5984 to volunteer.

[Find Out More About the Program](#)

REMINDER: Upcoming LCPS English Learner Webinars



Important Information

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) English Learner Instruction Program will offer a series of webinars geared to support families as they prepare for the upcoming school year, specifically supporting learning at home.

A session in English will be presented Wednesday, Aug. 26, at 5:30 p.m.

[Join the Webinar](#)

A session in Spanish will be presented Thursday, Aug. 27, at 5:30 p.m.

[Join the Webinar](#)

A session in French will be presented Wednesday, Sept. 2, at 5:30 p.m.

[Join the Webinar](#)



Census Employees Continue to Visit Loudoun Homes Through October

Operations for the 2020 census continue in Loudoun County, where more than 78% of households have responded. Census employees have begun visiting households that have not yet responded to the census.

The census provides critical data used to provide daily services, products, and support for you and your community. Every year, billions of dollars in federal funding go to hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, and other resources based on census data. For example, for each child or

Census employees are visiting Loudoun homes from now until October.

Facts to keep you & your information safe. **CENSUS EMPLOYEES:**

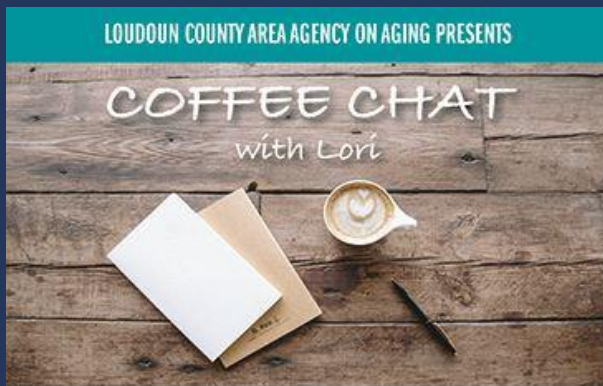
	Will wear masks and practice physical distancing.		Will have a bag and ID with their photo and agency logo.
			
	Only visit homes that have not responded.		
	You can still respond online: 2020Census.gov		Will NOT ask for your immigration status or SSN.

adult not counted in the 2020 Census, Loudoun County expects to lose \$2,000 per year in federal funding during the next 10 years.

Households can still respond now by completing and mailing back the paper questionnaire they received, by responding online at 2020.Census.Gov, or by phone at [844-330-2020](tel:844-330-2020). Households can respond online or by phone in one of 13 languages and find assistance in many more. Those that respond will not need to be visited to obtain their census response.

[Find Out More](#)

Virtual Coffee Chat for Caregivers & Older Adults



The Loudoun County Area Agency on Aging (AAA) offers a virtual coffee chat program. If you are a caregiver or adult 60 and older in need of support during these challenging times, you can sign up for a virtual coffee chat with Elder Resources Case Manager Lori Stahl.

Support can be provided by phone or FaceTime. Email aaasupport@loudoun.gov or call [571-233-2583](tel:571-233-2583) to sign up for this free service.

To learn more about AAA programs and community resources, call [703-777-0257](tel:703-777-0257) to speak with an aging programs specialist. The Area Agency on Aging is a division of the Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services.

CDC Videos Promoting Face Coverings

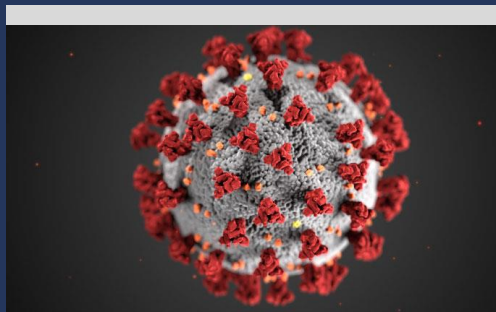
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) released videos targeting specific audiences about the importance of wearing face coverings to slow the spread of COVID-19.



The [CDC video](#) is aimed at young adults and explains why they should wear a mask to protect themselves and their friends. Health officials say even healthy teenagers and young adults need to wear face coverings and take other steps against COVID-19, including staying 6 feet apart from others and avoiding large gatherings.

The NVRC has produced its second [Spanish language video](#) about steps people can take to slow the spread of COVID-19 among Hispanics, who have been disproportionately affected by the virus. This video features elected officials, including Governor Ralph Northam and other regional leaders.

Stay Informed!



The county continues to encourage everyone in the community to take steps to limit the spread of COVID-19, which include:

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Loudoun County encourages residents to stay informed about COVID-19

- To receive email updates on COVID-19, visit loudoun.gov/coronavirus.

- Wear a mask/face covering ([see requirements](#))
- 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.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Avoid contact with sick people.
- Avoid non-essential travel.

- Text **LCCOVID19** to **888777** to receive text alerts from Loudoun County about COVID-19.
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Residents with questions about COVID-19 may call the Loudoun County Health Department's information line, 703-737-8300, or email health@loudoun.gov.

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