



COVID-19 UPDATES ~SEPTEMBER 16, 2020~

VDH: Flu Shots Are Recommended During the COVID-19 Pandemic



The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Virginia Department of Health encourage residents to get an annual influenza (flu) vaccination to reduce the chance of getting the flu and spreading it to others.

Widespread community vaccination helps prevent the spread of flu within communities, so do your part to help your community and get vaccinated!

These simple steps can help stop the spread of germs and help protect you from getting sick:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick, which will help prevent others from catching your illness.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing.
- Clean your hands often.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.

If you are unsure if you can be vaccinated, talk with your doctor to discuss your personal health risks and concerns. There are many vaccine options to choose from; the most important thing is to get a flu vaccine each year.

[Learn More](#)

Nonprofits and Faith-Based Organizations Encouraged to Apply for CARES Act Funding Round 2

Loudoun County is allocating \$2.25 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.



These 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.

Applications will be available online Thursday, September 17, 2020, at loudoun.gov/GrantOpportunities. The deadline to apply is 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 30, 2020.

Loudoun County has scheduled two webinars to help groups understand the funding opportunities and explain the application and reporting process:

- A webinar for current CARES Act Fund grantees is scheduled for 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 16, 2020. [Register online](#) and receive the webinar link

- A webinar for new applicants is scheduled for 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 16, 2020. [Register online](#) and receive the webinar link.

[Learn More](#)

Loudoun County Business Interruption Fund, Round 5



Calling all business owners in Loudoun County:

If your company was negatively impacted by the effects of COVID-19, you could qualify for a \$5,000 grant through the 5th round of the Loudoun County Business Interruption Fund!

The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved \$3 million in additional CARES Act funding for the COVID-19 Business Interruption Fund, to support small businesses adversely impacted by the coronavirus.

The fund will provide 600 randomly selected applicant businesses with a \$5,000 grant.

Round 5 applications will open at **12:00 pm on Wednesday, September 23rd** and close one week later at **12:00 pm on Wednesday, September 30th**.

[Get More Information](#)

Voting 2020: The Absentee Process in Action

The Loudoun Office of Elections & Voter Registration recently hosted a Facebook webinar entitled "Making of an Election" to discuss questions on the absentee process. [Click here](#) to watch the video.

Three Ways to Vote: Which Option Works Best for You?

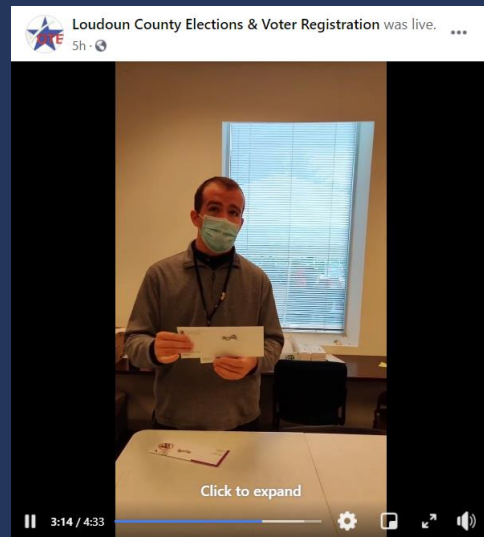
All registered voters in Virginia now have the option to vote at home, vote early or vote on election day. No excuses required no matter your choice. Just click on the voting option you would like for more information.

- [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



Join AART for Their 9th Annual Tee Off for Children's Literacy



Preschool has the potential to have a long-lasting impact on children and can change their entire life trajectory. All Ages Read Together (AART) serves children who fall outside of the established publicly funded programs who would otherwise be deprived of a preschool experience without this

free option.

Statistics show that low-income students who do not have any preschool classroom experience are nearly 20-months behind their high-income peers when entering kindergarten at the age of 5 and those who do not master basic reading skills by the third grade are six times more likely to drop out of school without a diploma.

AART prepares these vulnerable learners with a positive and nurturing classroom experience delivered by experienced teachers, bilingual assistants, and volunteers of all ages. A child ready for school will succeed in school.

Join AART for their *9th Annual Tee Off for Children's Literacy* on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 from 9:00 am—2:00 pm.

One-hundred percent of the golf tournament proceeds go toward AART's free preschool program for children in need, right in their communities. Individual tickets can still be purchased online until Sunday, September 20th.

[Buy Your Tickets Today](#)

Workforce Development Month Events Continue

In the spirit of Workforce Development Month, the Loudoun Workforce Resource Center continues to host a special line up of virtual events on a variety of subjects during the month of September 2020.



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The remainder of the September 2020 lineup includes the following events:

- **Ticket to Work Program Orientation:** Thursday, September 17, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.
- **Commuting with Confidence:** Friday, September 18, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
- **Increasing Access to Employment & Community Support for our Military and Veteran Families:** Monday, September 21, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
- **Work Happy:** Tuesday, September 22, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- **The Priorities of Post COVID-19 Financial Recovery:** Thursday, September 24, 2:00 p.m.
- **Coffee with a Career Counselor:** Wednesday, September 30, 9:30 a.m.

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Sources of Strength Virtual Color Run



Sources of Strength Program each fall.

This year's Color Run will be a Virtual 5k from October 5th-11th and will launch the 2020-2021 school year with a focus on Hope, Help, and Strength.

[Learn More and Register](#)

Loudoun County Public Library Online Learning Hub

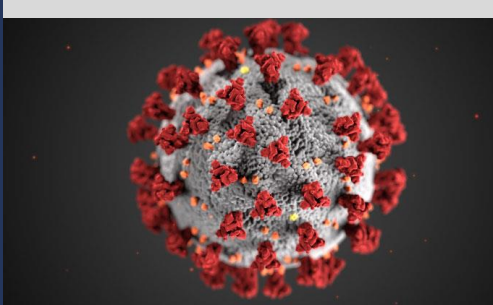
Loudoun County Public Library announced an Online Learning Hub with free, high-quality educational resources to support students, teachers, and parents during the 2020-2021 school year.

Sample resources include read-along eBooks for elementary school students, primary source documents and foreign-language apps for middle and high-school students, and at-home learning advice for parents and caregivers. The resources are free and available online 24/7 with a [library card](#).



[Explore the Hub](#)

Stay Informed!



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

- Wear a mask/face covering ([see requirements](#))

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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.

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

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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