



NEWSFLASH
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COVID-19 UPDATES
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County Parks and Recreation to Expand Senior Center Programs and Reopen Adult Day Centers



The Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) has announced plans to expand senior center programs and reopen adult day centers.

Senior centers began offering limited outdoor programming for current members Monday, Sept. 21. Activities may include fitness, music, martial arts, dance and arts and crafts projects. Hours are variable and programs may be impacted by weather. Members should call the nearest center for class options and schedules. The reservation-based, weekday congregate and drive-up meal program for members is ongoing.

Adult day centers will reopen Monday, Sept. 28, to serve existing clients. No visitors will be allowed. Hours will be reduced from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and programmed as two separate, 3.5-hour sessions to ensure adequate staff-to-client ratios and adherence to social distancing and other safety guidelines in place to

reduce the spread of disease. Families are encouraged to call the centers for more details.

Details on reopening plans can be found at loudoun.gov/prcsoperatingstatus.

For more information, email prcs@loudoun.gov.

Business Interruption Fund Applications Now Open

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!



What is 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 applicants are required to demonstrate the following criteria:

- Have between zero and 100 W-2 employees (no limit on 1099 contractors)
- Have less than \$5 million in gross annual receipts
- Have been in operation prior to March 1, 2020
- Have at least a 25% loss in revenue that can be attributed to COVID-19
- Be a licensed and operational for-profit business in Loudoun County

Timeline for Applicants

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

- Application review will take place between 9/23-10/23
- A random drawing (if needed) will take place on 10/23

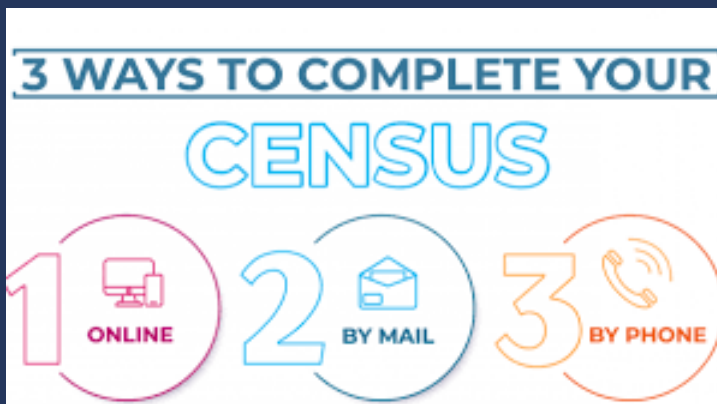
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Applicants who ***have not*** received funding in any previous round of the Business Interruption Fund (in the [first](#), [second](#), [third](#) or [fourth](#) rounds) or through a similar grant process offered by any of Loudoun's incorporated towns will be given priority in receiving funding.

******Any business that applied in a previous round but was disqualified because of that round's criteria, is encouraged to apply again in this round and could be considered for funding.******

[Apply Now](#)

Complete the 2020 Census Today



The Census Bureau is working to complete data collection as quickly and safely as possible by September 30th and time is running out.

Loudoun's response rate has now reached 81.7% and we need your help with our final push!

Encourage your family members, neighbors, friends, and coworkers to complete the Census if they have not already done so. The count affects the allocation of federal funding to the county and affects how legislative districts are drawn, and your response ensures we have the resources to build stronger communities.

Respond now online, by phone, or with a census taker in your community, and shape your future for the next 10 years. Learn more at [2020CENSUS.GOV](https://2020census.gov).

Voting 2020: What are my Voting Options?

Loudoun County election officials wish to remind all registered voters in Virginia of the options to vote at home by mail, vote early in person, or vote in person on Election Day for the upcoming November general election:

- Vote at Home By Mail
- Vote Early In Person
- Vote In Person on Election Day

The deadline to register to vote or update your information is Tuesday, October 13, 2020.

Did you already request that an absentee ballot be mailed to you? Or if you've mailed it back wondering if it has been received?

If so, you can [track the ballot](#) on its way to you and [confirm receipt](#) of your ballot by the Office of Elections & Voter Registration with two new tools from the Virginia Department of Elections and the Loudoun Office of Elections and Voter Registration.

Your Voting Options For 2020

Vote By Mail

Loudoun.gov/Voteathome

All ballots must be requested by **October 23rd**, Postmarked by **November 3rd**, and received by **November 6th at NOON**

Vote Early In Person

Loudoun.gov/Voteearly

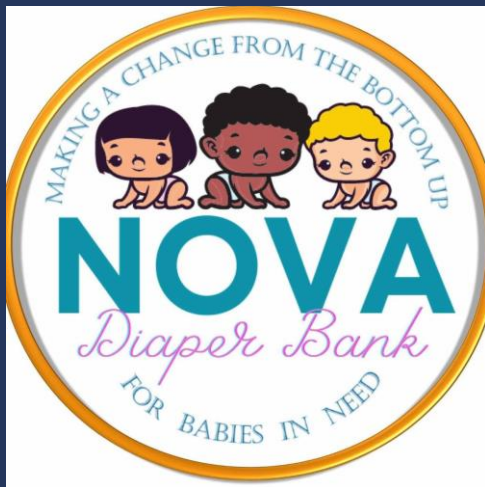
Early voting began on **September 18th**, and will continue with hours through **October 31st**.

Vote On Election Day

Loudoun.gov/voteonelectionday

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National Diaper Need Awareness Week with the NOVA Diaper Bank



The Northern Virginia Diaper Bank provides free diapers to families in crisis and also helps organizations who work directly with individuals and families in need, like local school systems.

This week is National Diaper Need Awareness Week, and the Northern Virginia Diaper Bank needs your help to restock their shelves and reach their 25,000 diaper goal. The impact on families with babies who cannot afford diapers is detrimental to babies' health and the parents who care for them, and the pandemic has made finding

and affording diapers a bigger burden for our community's most vulnerable families.

NOVA Diaper Drive In and Drop Off Campaign

Sanskara Yoga Studio

22000 Dulles Retail Plaza

Suite 102

Sterling, VA (next to Cubasi Bistro)

Drop off times

Monday-Friday from 2:00-6:00 pm

Saturday-Sunday 12:00-4:00 pm

You may also [donate online](#) or make a purchase through the NOVA Diaper Bank's [wish list](#).

For questions or more information, please call [571-354-6165](tel:571-354-6165).

Rabies Vaccination & Microchip Clinic

Keep your pets healthy and safe by joining Loudoun County Animal Service at one of their low-cost rabies vaccine and microchip clinics.



Dogs and cats as young as 12 weeks may participate in the clinic. Pet owners should bring their cats in carriers. Dogs must remain on a leash of six feet or less. No flexi-leads, please. It is recommended that pet owners bring any prior vaccination records, but records are not required.

Animal Services is holding their next drive-through clinic on **Friday, September 25th at Phil Bolen Park** in the parking lots by Field 12. All cats and dogs over 12 weeks old are welcome. Vaccines for cats are free and will be offered from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Vaccines for dogs will be offered from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. For dogs, the vaccine and a 1-year dog license costs \$10 (cash or check only). Save time at the clinic by prefilling your paperwork and bringing it with you to the event.

[Clinic Check-In Paperwork](#)

National Suicide Prevention Month Resources



September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month—a time to share resources and stories in an effort to shed light on this highly taboo and stigmatized topic. We use this month to reach out to those affected by suicide, raise awareness and connect individuals with suicidal ideation to treatment services.

Informational Resources

- [Know the Warning Signs and Risk Factors of Suicide](#)
- [Being Prepared for a Crisis](#)
- [Navigating a Mental Health Crisis](#)

In the midst of a pandemic, many people are self-isolating to keep themselves and their families safe and healthy. It is extremely important during these difficult times that individuals, friends and families have access to the resources they need to discuss suicide prevention.

[Tips for Emotional Wellbeing During the COVID-19 Outbreak](#)

Second Half Personal Property Tax Deadline is October 5, 2020

Payments postmarked after October 5, 2020, will incur a 10 percent late payment penalty. Additional interest at the rate of 10 percent per annum will be assessed. Payments not received within 60 days of the due date will incur an additional 15 percent penalty. The due date will not be extended for bills where assessment questions have been filed with the Commissioner of the Revenue.

Personal Property Tax Deadline



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For payment
options, visit:
loudoun.gov/taxes

Taxpayers who are having financial difficulties should contact the Treasurer's Collections Team at [703-771-5656](tel:703-771-5656) for assistance.

Payments may be made:

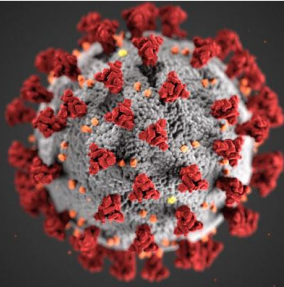
- Online: loudounportal.com/taxes
- Through a mobile device: The Link2Loudoun app is available for free from the iPhone App Store and the Google Play Store.
- By telephone: [1-800-269-5971](tel:1-800-269-5971) may be called 24 hours a day. During regular business hours, call [703-777-0280](tel:703-777-0280). Please have your account number and credit card number ready.
- By mail: County of Loudoun, P.O. Box 1000, Leesburg, Virginia 20177-1000
- In person: Treasurer's Office Locations:
 - 1 Harrison Street SE, First Floor, Leesburg, Virginia

- 21641 Ridgetop Circle, Suite 104, Sterling, Virginia

The offices' regular business hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. On Friday, October 2, and Monday, October 5, offices will be operating under extended business hours from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. In addition, 24-hour deposit boxes are located outside each office.

Please contact the Loudoun County Treasurer's Office by phone at [703-777-0280](tel:703-777-0280) or [email](#) if you have not received your bill.

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](#))
- 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.

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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.
- 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.

- 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.

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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