



DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE
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Governor Northam Announces \$70 Million in New Funding to Expand Access to Child Care During COVID-19 Pandemic



The closure of K-12 schools impacts nearly 1.2 million Virginia children under the age of 12. In partnership with the Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) and the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE), the CCDBG stimulus funding will provide additional avenues to ensure the availability of child care services for essential personnel and cash assistance to child care providers.

[Read the Full Press Release](#)

Economic Impact Payments

The Internal Revenue Service has started sending payments to taxpayers affected by COVID-19, referred to as [economic impact payments](#).

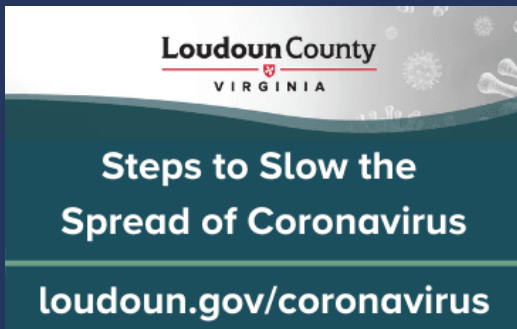


Payments are automatic for taxpayers who filed tax returns in 2018 and 2019 and most seniors and retirees.

If you are eligible for a payment, you can use the online tool, [Get My Payment](#), to check on payment date and update direct deposit information.

If you did not file a tax return for 2018 or 2019 and don't receive Social Security retirement, disability (SSDI), or survivor benefits and Railroad Retirement benefits, you can register for your payment using the [Non-filers: Enter Payment Info Here](#) tool.

Loudoun Publishes Guide to Stop the Spread of COVID-19; Urges Residents to Self-Monitor



To assist residents with identifying the signs of illness and knowing what to do if they become sick, the county has published a guide; [Steps to Slow the Spread of COVID-19 \(PDF\)](#).

The guide lists steps that will slow the spread of COVID-19 in Loudoun and will help protect everyone, including seniors and those with underlying

medical conditions.

The guide also provides important steps for notifying anyone with whom you have had close contact and other actions to take in the event you or a family member becomes sick, whether or not a COVID-19 test was taken.

[Find Out More](#)

Utilities Updates

The State Corporation Commission has extended an order barring utilities from cutting off electricity, natural gas, water or sewer service to non-paying customers during the coronavirus pandemic.

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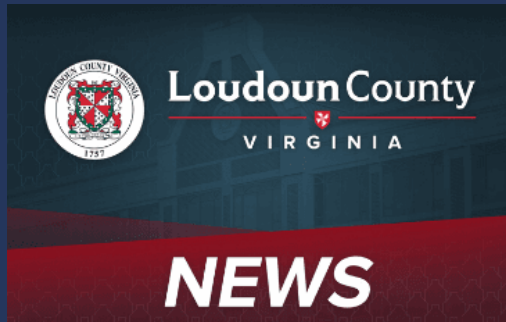
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The ban, which had been set to expire May 15, has been pushed back to June 14.

The County's web page has a direct link to local utilities' COVID-19 pages.

[Find Out More](#)

Loudoun County Allocates Funding for Emergency Food Assistance Programs



Loudoun County is allocating \$150,000 for emergency food assistance programs in response to the increased need caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Board of Supervisors approved the funding to help local food assistance providers that serve Loudoun individuals and families.

In addition to approving the allocation of funds, the Board established criteria for organizations to be eligible for emergency funding.

Members of the public who are seeking assistance for basic needs, such as food, housing and other needs, may find resources posted on the [county's website](#).

Residents who would like to help the community in various ways should visit the county's website to view options for [how you can help](#).

[More Information and How to Apply](#)

Loudoun County Opens Second Drop-Off Location for Donations of Personal Protective Equipment

Loudoun County is opening a second location for drop-off donations of personal protective equipment (PPE) for distribution to Loudoun-based health care providers and facilities in need.

The second location is the Dulles South Recreation and Community Center (24950 Riding Center Drive, South Riding, VA) which will operate Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., beginning Wednesday, April 15, 2020.

This is in addition to the Leesburg drop-off location at 751 Miller Drive, which operates Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

[Read More](#)

Personal Protective Equipment



> **Donate or request equipment**
loudoun.gov/PPE

Unemployment Information



Has your job been affected by COVID? If you are facing a lay off and/or looking for your next job opportunity, check out these resources for guidance and assistance:

Unemployment Insurance:

If you are unemployed or are working less than full time for your regular employer because of lack of work, you can apply for

unemployment insurance benefits through the Virginia Employment Commission.

[Explore this guide developed by Loudoun Economic Development](#) to help navigate the application process.

Job and Career Resources:

If you are looking for your next career opportunity or you are interested in brushing up on your job skills, the Loudoun Workforce Resource Center (WRC) can help. The WRC team is offering many virtual services including resume critiques, LinkedIn profile reviews, mock interviews, employment coaching, learning resources, virtual workshops and virtual job fairs.

Explore the WRC resources at loudoun.gov/wrc or call 703-777-0150.

COVID-19 Impacts on College Admissions Applications

Students, parents, and guardians have many questions about how COVID-19 school closures could affect college admissions. The National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) has put together a resource to help.



As of Friday, more than a thousand colleges and universities had provided their information, enabling the NACAC to launch a robust resource for students and families on behalf of the association and its members. This resource lists changes in college admission events, deposit dates and more.

[Find Out More](#)

Loudoun Establishes Rental Assistance Program in Response to COVID-19



The Loudoun County government has established a limited rental assistance program for Loudoun County households economically impacted by COVID-19.

The Board of Supervisors has approved re-allocating \$200,000 from the Eastern Loudoun County Home Revitalization Program to create the rental assistance program. The goal is to help ensure housing stability for low-income workers who have been furloughed, lost jobs or had work hours reduced due to the pandemic.

[Read more](#)

LCSO Announces Prescription Pick-Up & Delivery Service for Residents Vulnerable to Coronavirus

Loudoun County Sheriff Mike Chapman announced today a prescription pick-up and delivery assistance program for the county's senior residents and those who are more vulnerable to Coronavirus (COVID-19).

To participate residents must contact the LCSO at 703-777-1021 to request this service.

Residents may call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Deliveries will be made during normal business hours.

The service will be provided through the duration of Virginia Governor Ralph Northam's Executive Order which is effective until 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, June 10, 2020.

[Find Out More](#)



Second LCSO Deputy Tests Positive for COVID-19



The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) has confirmed the second case of COVID-19 within the agency.

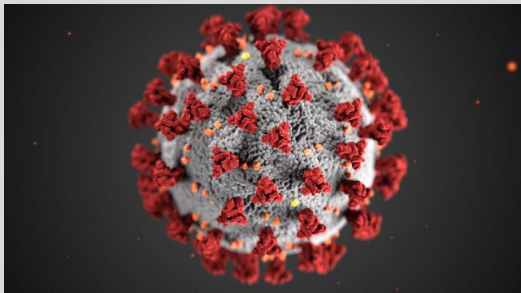
The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) continues to implement precautionary measures in the field and our facilities and is working closely with the Loudoun County Health Department and the Virginia

Department of Health Epidemiologist to prevent community spread and ensure the health and safety of our staff and our community.

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Stay Informed!

Keeping with the Board of Supervisors' policy, regularly scheduled meetings of the Board's [advisory boards, commissions and committees](#) are canceled while Loudoun County Public Schools are closed. The county will provide updated information on meeting status as this rapidly evolving situation continues. For the most current schedule, please visit loudoun.gov/calendar.



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

- 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.

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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.

Residents with questions about COVID-19 may call the Loudoun County Health Department's information line, 703-737-8300, or email health@loudoun.gov.

- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Avoid contact with sick people.
- Avoid non-essential travel.

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