



**DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE**  
~APRIL 21, 2020~

**Facebook Small Business Grants Program**

Many businesses have experienced disruptions and closures during the COVID-19 crisis, and Facebook is offering \$100M in cash grants and ad credits to 30,000 businesses to help during this challenging time.



The program can help with keeping your workforce going strong, your rent costs, connecting with more customers, and covering operational expenses.

[Find Out More and View the Application Guide](#)

**Small Businesses: Live Q&A with Chair Randall and Economic Development's Buddy Rizer**

### COVID-19: SMALL BUSINESSES

Join a Facebook Live Q&A with

Loudoun County Board of  
Supervisors Chair Phyllis Randall  
and  
Loudoun County Economic  
Development Executive Director  
Buddy Rizer

Wednesday, April 22, 2020  
3:00 p.m.



Join Loudoun County Board of Supervisors Chair Phyllis J. Randall and Loudoun County Economic Development Executive Director Buddy Rizer for a Facebook Live Question and Answer Session on **TOMORROW, April 22 at 3:00 pm.**

Learn about resources for small businesses in Loudoun during COVID-19 and get your questions answered.

If you are unable join at the time of the event, leave your questions in the comments or send a message.

[Event Link](#)

## Have You Recovered from COVID-19? We Need Your Help!

In concert with the FDA Plasma Donation Initiative, Inova Health System is looking for individuals recovered from COVID-19 to donate plasma for a research study.



The plasma contains immunoglobulins (immune protection) and this study will use the plasma to help patients currently sick with COVID-19 disease.

If you, or someone you know, has had and recovered from COVID, please consider donating.

[Read More](#)

## LCPS Update



On April 15, teachers began providing provide distance learning experiences focusing on new skills and knowledge. Grades 3-12 teachers will provide synchronous and asynchronous learning opportunities through Google Classroom. Teachers of Secondary Core (English, Math, Science, and Social Science) will also use Edmentum courses.

K-2 teachers will have the flexibility to provide optional synchronous learning opportunities as well as offline learning opportunities through ParentVue or other forms of communication previously established with their students' families. Additionally, packets of material for English and math learning experiences will be mailed to families of K-2 students every two weeks beginning April 20.

These packets are also available at [Elementary Learning Guides](#).

## Virtual Coffee with a Career Counselor

The Loudoun Workforce Resource Center is hosting a virtual Coffee with a Career Counselor event.

If you're wondering whether you should continue or even begin your job search during the coronavirus pandemic, the answer is YES!

Grab a cup of coffee and join WRC online. Sign up for one of their GoToMeeting sessions for an overview of the current job market, resume tips and a Q&A discussion.



[Sign Up Here](#)

## Loudoun County Parks & Recreation is Open Virtually



The Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) is open virtually while its centers are closed and programs canceled in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The department launched a new [web page](#) featuring video playlists, a rotating video spotlight, virtual tours, how-to guides, children's activities, community resources and more. The page includes links to all of all of the department's Facebook pages, where followers can find engaging posts and videos daily.

[Learn More](#)

## Eligible Veterans Can Get a Free Facebook Portal

The US Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has announced that eligible veterans can now receive a free Portal, a video calling device from Facebook.



This initiative is part of a public-private partnership with Facebook, the American Red Cross Military Veteran Caregiver Network.

These devices help veterans connect with their caregivers, families, and friends to reduce isolation and improve social connectivity.

[Learn More](#)

## Loudoun County Public Libraries to Expand Digital Services



Loudoun County Public Library is continuing to expand digital services to aid customers during its closure due to the COVID-19 virus.

Customers can now access the [Consumer's Checkbook](#) database at home, which provides unbiased reviews of local services like doctors, auto repair shops, contractors and more. The Public Library also well aware that saving money is at the

forefront of many of our customers' minds right now and wanted to remind you of all the ways the library can save you money.

- [Ancestry.com](#): FREE (annual savings of \$298)
- [Lynda.com](#): FREE (annual savings of \$359.88)
- [Consumer Reports Digital](#): FREE (annual savings of \$59)
- [Mango Languages](#): FREE (Rosetta Stone, \$35.97-\$200)
- [Audiobooks on OverDrive](#): FREE (Audible, \$14.95/month)
- [Freegal streaming music](#): FREE (Pandora, \$59.88-\$119.88/annually)

## NOVA to Offer Tuition-Free Summer Online Courses for Region's High School Students

NOVA understands the concerns facing area high school students and their parents in this time of uncertainty and growing financial insecurity.

To support these students, NOVA has launched a new summer schedule of **tuition-free online classes** for approximately 70,000 qualified Northern Virginia high school students.


This is a timely opportunity for rising and graduating seniors to JumpStart their summers and earn college credit by attending up to two online courses that will run from June 1 to July 15. The online courses have been selected because they fulfill not only NOVA degree requirements but also transfer to most colleges and universities.





[Learn More](#)

## April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

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Keep children safe and families strong in Loudoun.  
Learn more about child abuse prevention.  
[loudoun.gov/cps](http://loudoun.gov/cps)



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Uncertainty associated with a global pandemic can cause anxiety, tension and irritability for children and caregivers. The United Nations recently raised the alarm that reports of domestic violence have

soared around the world, underscoring how unsafe homes can be during a pandemic.

Child welfare experts are concerned about three conditions happening right now:

- Routines are being disrupted
- Jobs have evaporated
- Children are isolated from others who care

During these challenging times, it is important to learn more about child abuse, abuse prevention, and available resources to best help children and families thrive in Loudoun County.

[Learn More about Child Abuse Prevention](#)

## Lapse In SBA Funding Appropriations. What Does That Mean For Your Business?

In a statement released by the Small Business Administration this week, Secretary of the Treasury Steven Mnuchin and Administrator Carranza stated: *"The SBA has processed more than 14 years' worth of loans in less*



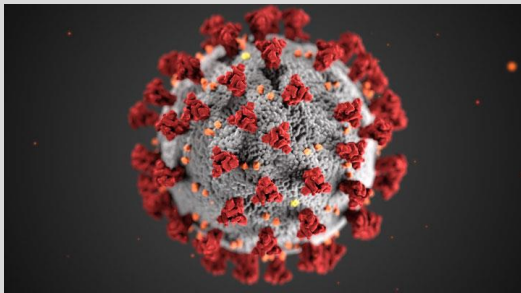
*than 14 days...by law, the SBA will not be able to issue new loan approvals once the programs experience a lapse in appropriations."*

In the wake of the Small Business Administration's decision to suspend loan applications, the Loudoun County Department of Economic Development is seeking input from local businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic to help shape the local response.

[Find Out More](#)

## 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](http://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.

**LOUDOUN  
COUNTY**  
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**VIRGINIA**

Loudoun County encourages residents to stay informed about COVID-19

- To receive email updates on COVID-19, visit [loudoun.gov/coronavirus](http://loudoun.gov/coronavirus).
- Text LCCOVID19 to 888777 to receive text alerts from Loudoun County about COVID-19.

- 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](mailto:health@loudoun.gov).

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