



DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE
~APRIL 23, 2020~

Updates from the Office of Governor Ralph Northam



Governor Northam Extends Ban on Elective Surgeries, Closure of DMV Offices

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Governor Hogan, Governor Northam, and Mayor Bowser Urge Trump Administration to Continue Telework for Federal Employees

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County to Accept Monetary Donations for Purchase of Personal Protective Equipment for Local Needs

Loudoun County is facilitating the purchase of personal protective equipment (PPE) for distribution to Loudoun-based health care providers and facilities in need as part of the ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition to accepting donations of PPE, the county is now accepting monetary donations

that will be used by the county to purchase bulk PPE items that can be made available to organizations in need of equipment.

Anyone who would like to donate financially may do so [online](#) or by mail via checks with "COVID-19 Donations" noted in the memo line to:

Loudoun County Treasurer's Office
COVID-19 Donations
PO Box 347
Leesburg, VA 20178

[Find Out More](#)

Personal Protective Equipment



> [Donate or request equipment](#)
loudoun.gov/PPE

Loudoun County Launches Spanish-Language Text Messages on COVID-19



The county is launching the new service to provide an additional, easy-to-use way for members of our community who have Spanish as their primary language to receive information.

Regular text messages published by Loudoun County will provide information about COVID-19

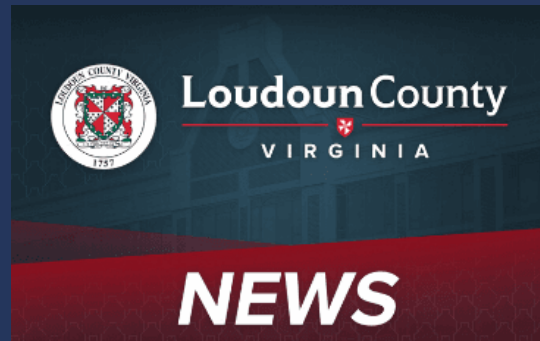
prevention and treatment, county programs and services to assist residents during the pandemic, key news updates and other timely and educational messages.

To opt in for this service, text *LCCOVIDESP* to [888777](tel:888777).

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Loudoun County Announces \$1.15M COVID-19 Business Interruption Fund

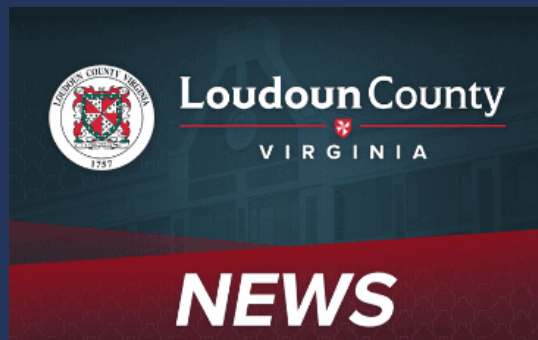
On Tuesday evening, the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved \$1.15 million in grant funding for the COVID-19 Business Interruption Fund to support Loudoun businesses throughout Loudoun impacted by the coronavirus outbreak.



The fund will open for applications on April 29 and close on May 2, but ***businesses are encouraged to test their ability to submit in advance.***

For eligibility requirements and the application form, please visit LoudounBusinessFund.org.

Board Approves \$1 Million Nonprofit Human Service Grant Funding Awards for FY 2021



The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors approved annual awards for funding to community nonprofit organizations during its meeting on April 21, 2020.

Funding opportunities were made available to tax-exempt, private, nonprofit 501(c)3 organizations that provide human services to Loudoun

County residents in the areas of need identified and approved by the Board of Supervisors for Fiscal Year 2021 (FY 2021), which begins July 1, 2020.

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Mental Health & Substance Abuse Resources

Mental Health Resources

Natural disasters – including pandemics such as the coronavirus outbreak – can be overwhelming and also can seriously affect emotional health.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration's (SAMHSA) Disaster Distress Helpline – [1-800-985-5990](tel:1-800-985-5990) (or text *TalkWithUs* to [66746](tel:66746)) – provides 24/7, 365-day-a-year crisis counseling and support to anyone who is seeking help in coping with the mental or emotional effects caused by developments related to the coronavirus pandemic.



[Learn more about the Disaster Distress Helpline](#)

Addiction & Substance Abuse Resources

The COVID-19 pandemic has created countless challenges for those delivering care to our most vulnerable populations. People with Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) are especially at high risk suffering complications from COVID-19.

The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), which leads and coordinates the development, implementation, and assessment of U.S. drug policy, released a [fact sheet](#) that contains information on Federal actions to expand telemedicine and e-prescribing, to increase flexibility for treatment with methadone and buprenorphine, to improve access to prescribed controlled substances, and more.

Beyond COVID-19: NOVA Business Resiliency Webinars



In light of the current global pandemic, the Northern Virginia Economic Development Alliance (NOVA EDA) is taking action. NoVA EDA has announced the launch of a *three-part, 12 session webinar series*: "[Beyond COVID-19: NOVA Business Resiliency Webinars.](#)"

Created for NOVA businesses to ensure they have the latest and best possible information from a variety of experts,

these webinars will focus on how to keep moving forward during and after the current global pandemic.

It will convene experts spanning issues such as government financing, staffing, technology readiness, healthy workplaces, new business and revenue models, customer retention, and more.

[Learn More](#)

Virtual Coffee Chat for Caregivers & Older Adults

The Loudoun County Area Agency on Aging (AAA) has launched a virtual coffee chat program.

If you are a caregiver or an 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.

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.

Supporting Businesses



In addition to their ongoing support of commerce and displace workers in the Loudoun Economy through their [COVID-19 website](#), Loudoun Economic Development has joined forces with [Visit Loudoun](#) and the [Loudoun Chamber of Commerce](#) with an important call to action for

consumers: [Take Loudoun Home](#).

By visiting [TakeLoudounHome.org](https://www.TakeLoudounHome.org), consumers can search interactive maps of participating businesses, take virtual tours, read inspiring business stories, and shop from the new Loudoun Made, Loudoun Grown Marketplace. Read their blog for their list of:

- Local businesses that are offering [educational craft and activities](#) like craft kits to-go, creative online art classes, games and other activities;
- [Local gyms and studios](#) offering free in-home workouts, plus a few gyms offering special discounts to new members;
- Local [farms and markets](#);
- [Breweries that are currently offering delivery](#), with some fun delivery options; and
- [Loudoun wineries](#) offering virtual experiences from different wineries in the region.

VDH Weekly COVID-19 Activity Report



As the number of cases and deaths have grown, and as the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) continues to refine their data processes, they are able to share more information with the public on the VDH [COVID-19 data dashboard](#) and in their [Weekly COVID-19 Activity Report](#).

Starting this week, VDH will begin reporting:

- Cases, hospitalizations, and fatalities at the locality level;
- Cases, hospitalizations, and fatalities by demographics at the district level;
- Ability to differentiate between confirmed and probable cases; and
- Rates per 100,000 population.

Free At-Home AgroEcology Webinars



The Department of Extension Services/ Virginia Cooperative Extension – Loudoun has recorded 17 education programs on topics such as gardening & landscaping, food safety, and more.

These webinars are now available for public viewing on the AgroEcology Hub, a website the department maintains that focuses on interrelated agriculture and natural resource systems forming a network of commercial, recreational, community, and individual activities.

[Learn More](#)

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](#)

Virtual Support Group Launched for Caregivers of Loved Ones with Memory Loss



The Loudoun County Area Agency on Aging has launched a virtual support group for caregivers of loved ones suffering from memory loss.

While in-person caregiver support services are currently suspended in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the virtual group offers an opportunity for caregivers to still connect in a safe space and share tips and resources on how to navigate the oftentimes difficult journey of being a caregiver.

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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.

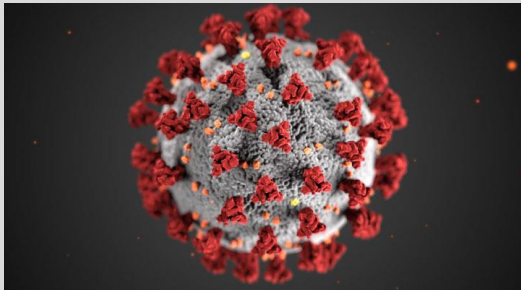
The department launched a new [web page](#) featuring video playlists, a rotating video spotlight, virtual tours, how-to guides, children's activities, community resources and more. The page includes links to all of all of the department's Facebook pages, where followers can find engaging posts and videos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



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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.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Stay home when you are sick.

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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.
- Text LCCOVIDESP to 888777 to receive text alerts from Loudoun County about COVID-19 in Spanish.

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

- Avoid contact with sick people.
- Avoid non-essential travel.

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