



**DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE**  
~APRIL 29, 2020~

**Updates from the Office of Governor Ralph Northam**



**Governor Northam Acts to Ensure Liability Protections for Healthcare Workers**

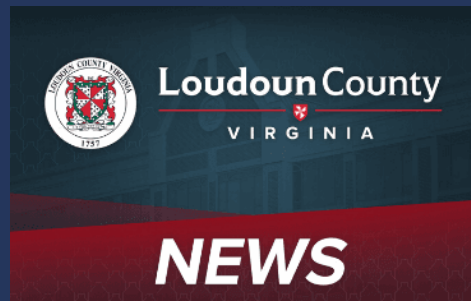
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**Governor Northam Announces Expansion of Payment Relief for Student Loan Borrowers**

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**Loudoun County Announces New Financing Opportunity for First-Time Homebuyers**

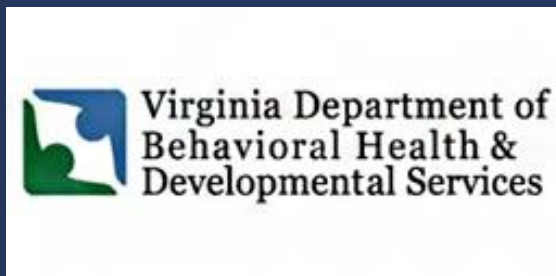
Loudoun County announces the availability of \$8 million provided by the Virginia Housing Development Authority (VHDA) to help first-time homebuyers. The allocation of funding through the VHDA's Sponsoring Partnerships and Revitalizing Communities (SPARC) program will provide lower interest rates on homeownership loans in the county.



Homebuyers do not have to participate in Loudoun County's homeownership programs to use this VHDA program. Program participation is subject to availability and approval.

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## Virginia Receives \$2 Million Federal Grant to Address Behavioral Health Impacts of COVID-19



The Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services announced that Virginia has received a \$2M grant from the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to begin to address the behavioral health impacts of COVID-19.

Partners in this effort include Virginia's 40 locally run community services boards and the Virginia Hospital & Healthcare Association Foundation. The grant will help fund direct treatment services in three areas: increasing CSB capacity, addressing COVID-19 related behavioral health issues, and supporting healthcare workers.

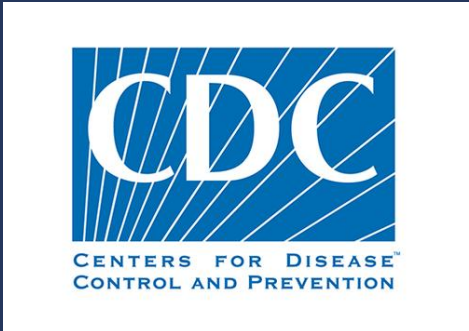
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## Updated List of COVID-19 Symptoms

The CDC has updated the list of COVID-19 symptoms to include six additional symptoms that are possibly associated with the disease.

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported, ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness.

These symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus: fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, and/or new loss of taste or smell.



[Learn more about the symptoms of COVID-19 and how to care for yourself or others](#)

## VA Health App Now Available to Veterans Across All Mobile and Web Platforms



information.

Through public-private partnerships with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, all Veterans are able to securely connect to their health care data online.

iBlueButton and MyLinks are free health information exchange apps providing Veterans the ability to securely access, manage and interact with their health

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## Pandemic Unemployment Assistance

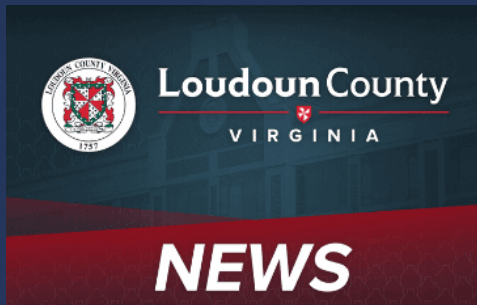


The CARES Act includes a provision of temporary benefits for individuals who are not eligible for regular/traditional unemployment insurance.

These individuals may include those who are self-employed, independent contractors, gig economy workers, clergy and those working for religious organizations as well as others who may not be covered by the regular/traditional UI program.

[Learn More](#)

## Coping with COVID-19 Fear and Anxiety



Fear and anxiety about COVID-19 can be overwhelming and cause strong emotions in adults and children.

Taking care of yourself, your friends and your family can help you cope with stress. Helping others cope with their stress can also make your community stronger.

[Get Tips for Coping with COVID-19 Fear and Uncertainty](#)

## COVID Resource Apps

### The Virginia Department of Social Services

The Virginia Department of Social Services has launched a mobile app and website designed to streamline access to critical and actionable resources for individuals, families and businesses.

The new COVID-19 Virginia Resources website and app enables users to search for local resources



through [211Virginia.org](https://211virginia.org), as well as access [CommonHelp](#), the online system to apply for food assistance, health care, childcare and other benefits.

For more information, visit [COVID.Virginia.Gov](https://COVID.Virginia.Gov)

### **The Virginia Department of Health**

The Virginia Department of Health has launched a new interactive web tool, COVID-19 & You. The tool provides information regarding health concerns and issues; you can click through a list of popular topics and subtopics.

[Explore COVID-19 & You](#)

## **FDA Continues to Ensure Availability of Alcohol-Based Hand Sanitizer During the COVID-19 Pandemic, Addresses Safety Concerns**



This week, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration provided an update on its efforts to ensure the availability of alcohol-based sanitizer to help meet the demand for hand sanitizer during the COVID-19 pandemic and how it is addressing safety concerns.

The agency is addressing safety concerns related to products being sold that are not in line with the FDA's policy and others being marketed with unproven claims.

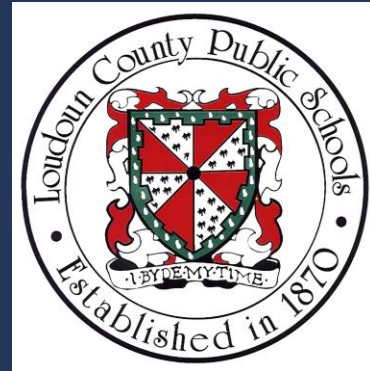
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## **LCPS Updates**

## **Google Meet FAQs for Parents**

Google Meet is the official video meeting platform that LCPS teachers use when hosting synchronous meetings with students.

Access the Google Meet [Frequently Asked Questions page](#) published by The Department of Instruction.



## **Cognitive Ability Test (CogAT) Scores**

Due to the impact of school closures on the LCPS gifted eligibility process, Cognitive Ability Test (CogAT) scores for second grade students will be released to parents/guardians in mid-May.

To better understand CogAT scores and the gifted eligibility process, access the [Frequently Asked Questions document](#). If you have additional questions about these scores, you may email the SEARCH (gifted) teacher at your child's school.

## **Online Parent Information Session Thursday, April 30**

LCPS special education team members have been reaching out to families to propose, finalize and begin implementing Temporary Distance Learning Plans (TDLPs) to support students with disabilities.

Some parents and guardians may still have questions about the TDLP process. To address those questions and others that you may have, LCPS will host:

***Online Information Session for Parents of Students with Disabilities  
Thursday, April 30, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.***

[Please register here](#)

Parents are invited to submit questions in advance using [this form](#).

## **Hotline and Question Form Remain Available**

LCPS has a COVID-19 hotline (571-252-6499) and a [Frequently Asked Questions webpage](#) where the latest information about the division's response to the coronavirus is available.

There's also an [online form where you can submit questions](#) in writing at any time. Families are encouraged to use these resources to ask any questions you may have about the latest plans and activities across the division.

## Salvation Army Food Distribution Site



The Salvation Army is going to operate a food distribution site.

The first day will be on Thursday, April 30 from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm at their headquarters at 10-a Cardinal Park Dr SE, Leesburg, VA 20175.

Clients should arrive by turning off Battlefield Parkway to get to the distribution point, and then exit via Cardinal Park Drive back to Route 7.

All distribution will be through the windows of the cars; no one will be allowed to walk up.

## COVID-19 Housing Resources

The Loudoun County Office of Housing has compiled resources for homeowners, renters, and landlords who might be facing financial challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

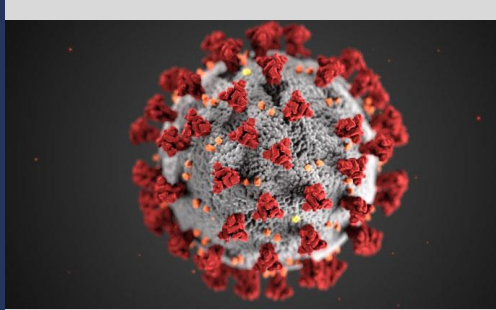
Visit the [housing website](#) for tenant tips, foreclosure prevention resources, and relief programs.

If you are facing housing instability or homelessness, call [703-777-0420](tel:703-777-0420), Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



**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.
- 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.



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



- Avoid non-essential travel.

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