



COVID-19 UPDATES
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Protecting Older Adults from COVID-19

Many families in our community have older adults living in their home or family members with medical conditions. It is important to take precautions to protect the most vulnerable individuals in our community from serious illness due to COVID-19.



Even if you don't have older adults living in your home, you could unknowingly come in contact with someone who does or someone that works in a long-term care facility, and that person could potentially take the infection to a large number of high-risk individuals.

[Learn the Steps You Can Take to Protect Others from Possible Infection.](#)

Loudoun County Households to Receive COVID-19 Postcard on Continuing Steps to Slow the Spread



loudoun.gov/coronavirus

Every household in Loudoun County will be receiving important COVID-19 information by mail in the next few days. The county encourages residents to look for a postcard from Loudoun County in the mail, read it, and keep it as a reference guide.

The information in the postcard is also available [online](#) and in other

languages including: [Spanish](#), [Arabic](#), [Korean](#), and [Vietnamese](#)

Residents with questions about COVID-19 may call the Loudoun County Health Department's information line, [703-737-8300](tel:703-737-8300), or send an [email](#).

[Read More](#)

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

May is mental health awareness month, and with the fear and uncertainty about COVID-19, there is never a better time to focus on your mental health.

Fear and uncertainty can cause strong emotions in children and adults and can manifest in more ways than you might think.

Take care of yourself, your friends and your family by identifying and using coping strategies that work for you. Helping others cope with their stress can also make your community stronger.



[Read More on Coping with COVID-19 Fear and Uncertainty](#)

COVID-19 Spanish Language Toolkit



Loudoun County has developed an online Spanish-language toolkit with COVID-19-related resources to support community partners in making sure that all of our residents have essential information about COVID-19 and the resources they may need at this critical time.

This toolkit provides downloadable, printable materials and digital tools to help share information with Spanish-speaking residents.

[Check out this toolkit](#)

Loudoun's New Online Farm Marketplace Adds Two Pick-Up Locations

The Loudoun Made Loudoun Grown Marketplace, an online marketplace connecting consumers with local products and open to all Loudoun farms and rural businesses, has added two convenient pick-up locations in Lansdowne and Sterling.



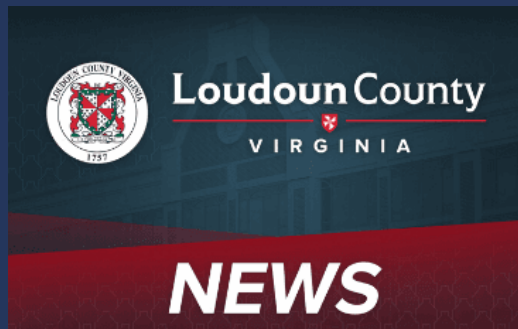
The Sterling pick-up location is the Loudoun Heritage Farm Museum on Fridays from 2:30 to 4:30 pm.

As of now, 29 vendors are selling more than 400 products through the Marketplace, and more than 70 customers have signed up to browse the selections and make orders.

Not all vendors choose to participate in each method of pick-up and delivery, so please read carefully to see which vendors are available.

[More Information](#)

Loudoun Continues to Seek Monetary Donations for Personal Protective Equipment



Loudoun County is renewing its call for monetary donations to be used to purchase personal protective equipment (PPE) that can be distributed to long-term care facilities and other health care providers facing a critical need for PPE.

Monetary donations allow the county to use its buying power to purchase PPE in bulk to create a sustainable supply that can be provided to Loudoun-based agencies, including those caring for people who are most vulnerable to COVID-19, such as the elderly.

[Find Out How to Donate Money or Gear](#)

Updates from the Virginia Department of Health

Virginia Department of Health currently reports over 22,000 total cases.



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

The Weekly COVID-19 Activity Report is now [COVID-19 Data Insights](#) where you can now find information by race and ethnicity. Read more about [interpreting epidemiologic data](#). VDH now reports the number of unique people tested *per day* rather than the number of unique people who have been tested at any point during the response.

VDH is also now providing COVID-19 data by zip code [here](#). You can select to view the number of cases or the total people tested.

\$1 Million Innovation Fund



Do you want to solve an urgent social issue created by COVID-19? Apply for a Booz Allen Foundation Innovation Grant and make change that counts.

The Booz Allen Foundation has established a \$1 million Innovation Fund to help nonprofits, entrepreneurs,

thought leaders, innovators at colleges and universities, and startups and small businesses harness the power of data, technology, and diverse intellectual capital to improve COVID-19 relief efforts and make a difference.

[Learn More](#)

Free Coronavirus Testing

The [ACHN](#) clinic provides free primary care for people who do not have insurance and are low income.

ACHN will start drive through COVID-19 testing every Saturday, beginning this Saturday, May 2nd from 2:00-3:00 pm at 44121 Harry Byrd Hwy, Ashburn VA 20147.

Patients can call (703) 542-3366 or email contact@achnhealth.org to schedule a test.

ACHN will need to confirm that patients do not have health insurance and are low-income.



Google Grants \$100K for COVID-19 Relief in Loudoun; Community Foundation Issues Matching Challenge



The Community Foundation for Loudoun and Northern Fauquier Counties received a \$100,000 grant from Google to support COVID-19 relief efforts in Loudoun County.

Funds from Google will be added equally to the Community Foundation's Community Emergency Relief Fund (CERF) and Tourism & Hospitality Relief Fund.

Loudoun residents who have lost wages because of COVID-19, including tourism and hospitality workers, can call the helpline at [703-669-5040](tel:703-669-5040) to request rent assistance for approximately \$500.

Donations to CERF can be made [here](#).

Donations to the Tourism & Hospitality Relief Fund can be made [here](#).

[Read the Details of the Google Grant](#)

Are You Facing Unemployment?

For information about unemployment insurance benefits, contact the Virginia Employment Commission at vec.virginia.gov or 866-832-2363.

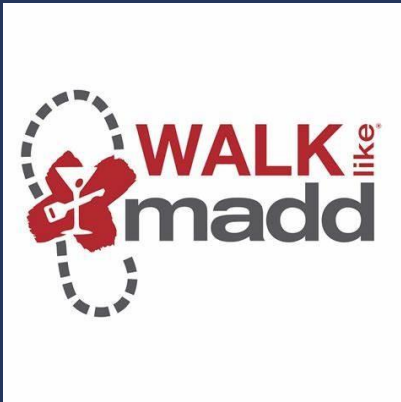


Once you have filed your initial claim, you must continue to file your weekly continuing claims either online or by using the automated voice response system at 800-897-5630 to receive payment.

If you are not eligible for regular/traditional unemployment insurance (individuals may include those who are self-employed, independent contractors, gig economy workers, clergy and those working for religious organizations), the CARES Act includes a provision for temporary benefits - called the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program.

[Learn more about this program.](#)

MADD Loudoun Virtual Walk & On-Line Auction May 16, 2020



Loudoun's annual 5K non-competitive Walk and Silent Auction Fundraiser (Walk Like MADD) will have some new twists this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This year's auction will be done on-line. There is a reason that this year's event is being modified rather than being cancelled. While the pandemic has caused a curtailing of many activities, even during it the crime of impaired driving is proving to be an ongoing threat to our community.

Saturday May 16 at 9:00 am: Opening Ceremony (including the Star-Spangled Banner, loosening-up exercises, etc) (via Zoom)

- Following the Opening Ceremony, at approximately 10am, the virtual walk will start in all participants' respective neighborhoods. In light of the virtual nature of the event, should the weather on Sat May 16 be undesirable for walking, feel free to then do it on Sun May 17!

Sunday May 17 at 4:00 pm: Closing Ceremony (including the recognition of Victims, event teams, funds raised and awards (via Zoom)

The on-line auction is already in progress. Register to take part in Walk Like MADD 2020 and you will receive an invitation to be a part of it!

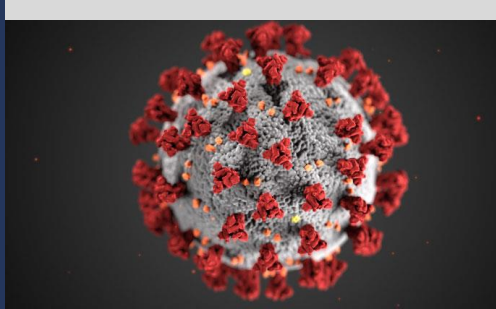
[On-line registration](#) is open until 8:30 am on Sat., May 16th

Please contact Susan Cleveland (703-470-1053 or maddloudoun@aol.com) with any questions.

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

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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.

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