



COVID-19 UPDATES ~MAY 11, 2020~

Dear Sterling,

Many of you have been informed of the joint letter sent to Governor Northam from the chief elected officials of the city of Alexandria and the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun and Prince William. For those who are not aware of these recent developments, more information on the letter and the decisions made by these chief elected officials can be found in the post further below in this newsflash.

I agree with not reopening Loudoun and Northern Virginia based on the guidance from our regional health directors. I review the data each day. Our numbers have continued to increase daily. I understand not everyone will agree with our decision but it is better to keep the restrictions in place a little longer than to risk a second wave of COVID-19 outbreaks. I am glad the region is speaking in one voice because we are so close in proximity to each other.

I understand the difficult situation small businesses are in and their need to reopen. I have been amazed at how so many have been able to adjust their business models to continue to operate. We have some of the best small business owners in the area. When it is safe to reopen I have no doubt our community will be there to support you. I know I will be in line to patronize many of many favorite businesses to show my support for them.

I also want to highly encourage the public to wear face coverings when going to places where social distancing is not possible. This simple step will reduce the rate of transmission of COVID-19 and make our community safer.

-Koran T. Saines-

Northern Virginia Localities Urge Governor to Set Regional Targets for Reopening

The chief elected officials of the five largest localities in Northern Virginia have sent a letter to Governor Northam, supporting his "Forward Virginia" reopening plan in general but urging him to implement it for the region only once regional threshold metrics have been met.

The Forward Virginia plan requires specific metrics be met before the first phase of reopening can occur statewide. According to an analysis by the region's public health directors, all five metrics for Northern Virginia are either unmet or cannot be determined based on currently available data.

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Need Assistance? These Resources Can Help



Loudoun County and its non-profit community partners have developed a reference guide to basic needs assistance throughout the county.

Contact information is provided for providers of child care and baby supplies; employment; food assistance; healthcare; legal service and foreclosure prevention; mental

health and wellness; phone, internet and utility assistance; rental assistance and homeless prevention; transportation; volunteer/ donation opportunities; and emergency services.

[View the guide in English](#) and [Spanish](#)

Loudoun County Disperses \$1.4M of Small Business Relief Grants

On Friday afternoon, Loudoun Economic Development completed the random selections for more than 200 COVID-19 Business Interruption Fund grants, totaling nearly \$1.4 million.



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The fund was created by the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors on April 21, and started with \$1.15 million diverted from business incentive funding. The Loudoun Economic Development Authority added \$250,000 to aid dozens of more businesses.

The grants, which range between \$5,000 and \$10,000 depending on the number of employees, will be dispersed to businesses starting next week. Funding will reach all corners of Loudoun County and help support business operations across a wide swath of Loudoun's industries.

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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 PRCS Helps You Cope with Cabin Fever

It's no surprise that many of us are experiencing cabin fever as Loudoun County residents continue to practice social distancing and comply with the governor's stay-at-home order.

Some family members are feeling cooped up as we all stay home together. To help everyone cope, the Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) has introduced an array of online resources to help us get through the COVID-19 pandemic.



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COVID-19 Spanish Language Toolkit



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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](#)

Upcoming Virtual Coffee with a Career Counselor

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

Join one of the [Loudoun Workforce Resource Center's](#) GoToMeeting sessions for an overview of the current job market, resume tips and a Q&A discussion.



The next session will be this Wednesday, May 13th from 9:30 am to 11:30 am.

[Register Here](#)

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



*Providing relief to those affected by
COVID-19 in Loudoun and Northern
Fauquier Counties*

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](#)

USDA Farm Service Updates

Do you have farm land in Loudoun? USDA is delivering programs and services to America's farmers and ranchers while taking safety measures in response to the coronavirus outbreak.

What do you need to do now? USDA recommends that you start by calling your local FSA office. Ask about the programs and loans that may be beneficial to you. When you call your local FSA office, UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION so that USDA has your current phone number, address, or email to let you know about services. [Find your local FSA office](#)



[Learn about Programs and Services Available](#)

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.

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)

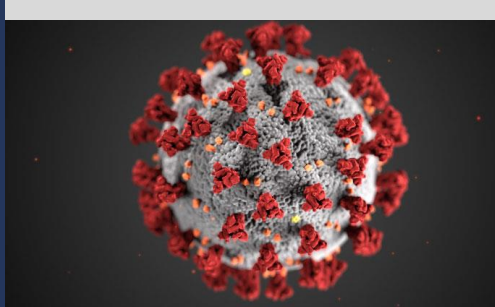
The on-line auction is already in progress. Register to take part in Walk Like MADD 2020 and you will receive an invitation to be a part of it!

[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.

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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

- 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.

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.

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