



COVID-19 UPDATES
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Commonwealth Deploys Artificial Intelligence-Powered Online Tool to Help Virginians Self-Screen for COVID-19



Governor Ralph Northam today announced that Virginians can now use [COVIDCheck](#), a new online risk-assessment tool to check their symptoms and connect with the appropriate health care resource, including COVID-19 testing.

[Read the Full Press Release](#)

Loudoun Commits \$5.7M of CARES Act Funding To Replenish COVID-19 Business Interruption Fund

The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved \$5.7 million in additional grant funding for the COVID-19 Business Interruption Fund, to support small businesses adversely impacted by the coronavirus pandemic.



This funding follows an initial round of applications for the Business Interruption Fund that distributed \$1.4 million in grants to more than 200 randomly selected applicant businesses.

The second round of funding will devote \$3.7 million to fully fund the first round, distributing grants of \$7,500 to the remaining 477 eligible businesses that were not randomly selected in a drawing on May 8. Those new grant recipients will be notified immediately on their selection and next steps.

Additionally, the Board of Supervisors allocated \$2 million for a third round of funding, which will be opened to provide 400 randomly selected applicant businesses with a \$5,000 grant.

[Find Out More](#)

Drive-Through Testing Update



On Wednesday, the county hosted free, drive-through testing for COVID-19 at Philip Bolen Park from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Mako Medical processed 1,989 tests, closing at 2:30 p.m. for no additional cars to enter the site. No appointments were necessary.

All test results, both positive and negative, will be reported back to Loudoun County Health Department, regardless of the residence of the person being tested. People who test positive will be contacted by their local health department and the process of contact tracing begins. People who test negative will receive notification from Loudoun County Health Department.

County Postpones Independence Day Celebrations

The Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) has announced the postponement of Independence Day celebrations. The action is in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with recommendations and guidance from the Office of Virginia Governor Ralph Northam, the Virginia Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



"We regret that these popular events hosted by Claude Moore Park, Franklin Park, Lovettsville Community Center and Sterling Community Center cannot be held in July," stated Steve Torpy, Director of PRCS. "However, the safety of our citizens and staff is always a first priority. If Northern Virginia has entered Phase 3 of the Forward Virginia Blueprint by Labor Day weekend, our plan is to hold community celebrations with fireworks," reported Torpy.

For more information, email prcs@loudoun.gov.

LCPL: Loudoun Love Letters



Loudoun County Public Library encourages Loudoun residents of all ages to join in writing letters to our community's nursing home and assisted living residents, many of whom are currently isolated due to COVID-19.

Be creative! Drawings, photos and word of encouragement are ideal. All letters will be screened and quarantined prior to distribution to centers accepting them. Share the love during this time of need.

Please mail letters to: Programming at LCPL, 102 North St. NW, Suite A, Leesburg, VA 20176, or type/handwrite and scan letters, and email them to programs@library.loudoun.gov.

[View Program Details](#)

Four Free Marketing Tools to Help Your Loudoun Business Right Now

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, it's understandable if you missed out on some marketing opportunities for your business. Loudoun Economic Development has four free marketing tools that will market your business through the crisis, into recovery and beyond.



In your business's time of need, Loudoun Economic Development is here to help with the resources that you need, including free marketing tools.

Thinking about something else your business needs? Send [Economic Development an email](#) to let them know.

[Learn More](#)

Helping Neighbors During COVID-19



In a time like this, helping your neighbors is a great way to keep our community strong. It's especially important for those that may live alone or don't have family nearby.

Touch base with your neighbors, particularly those that are older, and offer to lend a hand with gathering necessities.

Ask how you might be able to help them safely. Hyper-local Facebook groups, NextDoor, and other platforms are providing ways for neighbors to connect and help each other. Social connection is an important way to cope with the uncertainty of the pandemic.

Consider [writing a letter to our community's nursing home and assisted living residents](#).

Share information that might be helpful to them:

- Loudoun County Sheriff's Office is offering [prescription pick-up and drop off](#) for vulnerable residents. Contact the Sheriff's Office at 703-777-1021 to request service.
- For [basic needs assistance](#), call 703-777-0420, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- [Be aware of scams](#)
- [Know the symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if someone is sick](#)
- [Know how to protect older adults from COVID-19](#)

Inova COVID-19 Updates

COVID-19 Services for Medicaid and Uninsured Patients



All members of Northern Virginia's culturally diverse communities are welcome at the Inova Cares Clinic for Families (ICCF). ICCF provides primary care services for patients who qualify for Medicaid, FAMIS or Inova's Financial Assistance Program, and the uninsured. Inova assists patients who qualify for Medicaid with the enrollment application process. Financial assistance/charity care options will be explored for patients who do not qualify for Medicaid

COVID-19 Information: ICCF provides free COVID-19 telemedicine screening for all patients, with a particular focus on the low-income uninsured. For more information, [visit the Inova Cares Clinics for Families Webpage](#)

Convalescent Plasma and Blood Donation

If you had a positive COVID-19 test and you have been symptom-free for 14 days, you may be able to be a convalescent plasma donor. Your plasma should be rich

in immunoglobulins that may be helpful to patients who are actively fighting a COVID-19 infection. To learn more about convalescent Plasma, visit www.inovablood.org/covid19plasma

Every two seconds, someone in America needs blood. It is safe to donate - we are taking extra precautions at all times to maintain a clean and safe environment for our donors. Your donation will save a life – for more information on how to make an appointment, visit www.inovablood.org.

Join the Rise to 80 Challenge



Over 75% of Loudoun households have responded to the 2020 Census, but we are not done yet!

Make sure Everyone Counts so Loudoun has the resources to help every resident now and for the next decade.

Join the Rise to 80 Challenge to help us exceed our 2010 response rate. Respond today at 2020Census.gov.

County Parks & Recreation Wants Your Opinion

Your feedback is essential as the Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) establishes plans and procedures for when conditions change and the department moves forward with agreed-upon phases of reopening. The department is seeking input regarding what would help patrons feel comfortable returning to PRCS sites and programs as restrictions are lifted.



Survey responses will be accepted through May 29, 2020. The survey should take 1-3 minutes to complete and can be accessed [online](#).

For more information about the survey, email prcs@loudoun.gov.

LCPS Offers Virtual Resources to Help Distance Learning



Loudoun County Public Schools' Parent Resource Services offers online tools to help parents navigate, and create structure for, distance learning.

Parent Resource Services is committed to positive relationships among parents, schools and communities to support the development of the whole child. It assists families with questions and planning as well as providing resources and training.

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Loudoun Extension: Federal COVID-19 Relief for Farmers

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) will start accepting applications on 26 May 2020 for direct payments to farmers to under the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP).

These are significant cash payments that cover a wide range of farm products. The payments are available for producers of these products no matter how small the farming operation might be and regardless if the farm has participated in USDA programs before.

As part of applying for the program, farmers need to contact the Farm Service Agency county office at the local USDA Service Center to schedule an appointment. FSA service for producers in Loudoun is located in Warrenton; the contact information is:



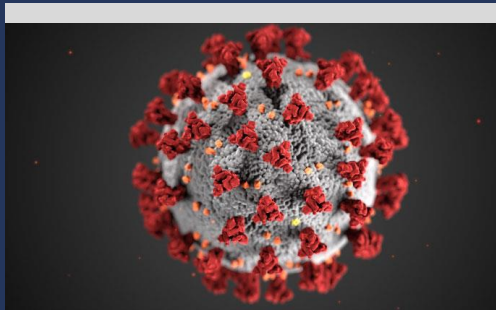
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The application process will involve completing a number of forms. Links to electronic versions of these forms can be found online at farmers.gov/cfap. If you are an existing customer with FSA, this information is likely on file at your local Service Center.

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

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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.

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.

- 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.

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