



COVID-19 UPDATES
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Updates from the Office of Governor Northam



Virginia Joins Bipartisan, Interstate Compact to Expand Rapid Antigen Testing

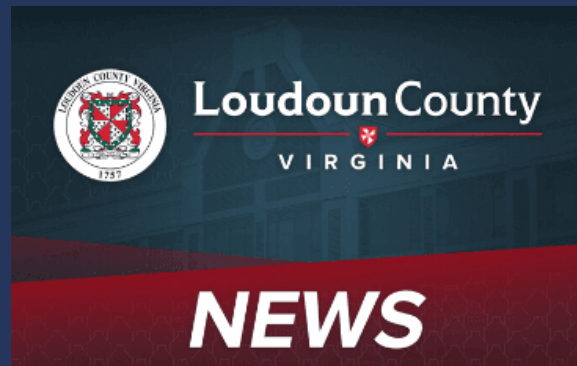
- Six-state agreement will put Virginia on path to purchase 500,000 rapid, point-of-care antigen tests
- [Read the Full Press Release](#)

Governor Northam Launches the new COVIDWISE Exposure Notification App to Help Contain COVID-19

- Virginia is first-in-the-nation to use Apple-Google Bluetooth framework to protect personal privacy
- [Read the Full Press Release](#)

COVID-19 and Evictions

Loudoun County has developed a webpage with helpful information in English and Spanish for those who may be facing eviction as a result of the financial impact of COVID-19.



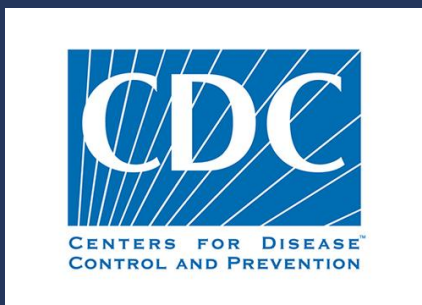
As a result of the expiration of CARES Act protections, Loudoun County Department of Family Services is sending letters to Loudoun's multifamily rental property owners and property managers and encouraging them not to file eviction proceedings against residents who are delinquent on rent payments. Instead, DFS is requesting that property owners and managers ask tenants who are delinquent on rent payments to contact the DFS Information and Referral team at dfs@loudoun.gov or 703-777-0420 or complete this [form](#). Language interpretation services are available at no cost.

For tenants paying rent late or unable to pay rent, DFS also offers these tips:

- Submit a written request to your rental management company, ask for an installment plan, or ask to waive late fees or penalties.
- Use this [tool](#) to assist with drafting a letter to your landlord.
- Learn about [Loudoun County's COVID-19 Limited Rent Assistance Program](#).
- Learn about the [Virginia Rent and Mortgage Relief Program](#).

[Visit the County Page for Resources](#)

Visiting Parks and Recreational Facilities



Staying physically active is one of the best ways to keep your mind and body healthy. You can visit parks, trails, campgrounds, and open spaces as a way to relieve stress, get some fresh air, and stay active. While these facilities and areas can offer health benefits, it is important that you follow the steps below to protect yourself and others from COVID-19.

Learn the steps to follow to protect yourself and others from COVID-19.

[Get detailed guidance from the CDC on protecting yourself and others from COVID-19 when visiting parks and recreational facilities](#)

An Organization to Recognize: The Sterling Foundation

This week, I would like to recognize the Sterling Foundation for their hard work in keeping the community informed during these difficult times.

Below are a few initiatives that the Sterling Foundation has implemented or promoted over the course of the pandemic:

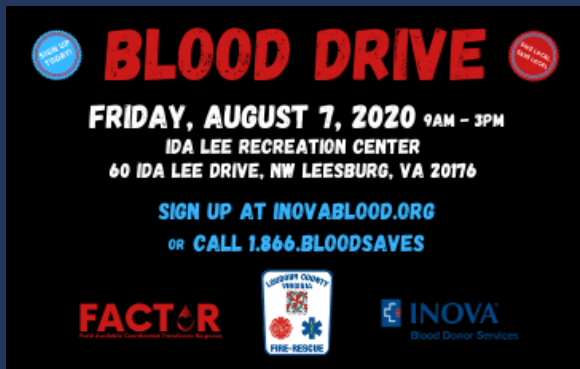
- Promoted small and independent restaurants in Sterling, pointing residents to those that offered curbside and contactless pickup.
 - Later expanded this effort to other types of businesses that were open (with restrictions in place) or available for delivery and pickup both in Sterling and throughout Loudoun County.
- Reposted updates from local businesses and nonprofit organizations, as well as messages of encouragement, on the Sterling Foundation Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook pages.
- Recently restarted their community clean up efforts with [maintaining Sterling BLVD](#). Keeping the boulevard beautiful is a top priority for the Foundation.
 - Last week, over a [dozen volunteers](#) came out to pick up and remove trash from Sterling Boulevard.
 - Two weeks ago, Green Village Landscape assisted in [saving and repairing several trees](#) that were hit on the boulevard.



The Sterling Foundation has also decided to move forward with plans for SterlingFest 2020 in October, as well their very first car show! Stay up to date with the Sterling Foundation and their initiative by clicking the link below.

[Visit their site](#)

"Give Local, Save Local" Blood Drive Comes to Leesburg August 7



The Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System, Inova Loudoun Hospital and Inova Blood Donor Services encourage you to make a lifesaving appointment to donate at one of our upcoming community blood drives.

In an innovative new program, lifesaving blood products are being taken out of hospital trauma centers

and transported directly to injured or ill patients on the scene of the incident. Currently deployed in Loudoun and Fairfax Counties, the Field Available Coordinated Transfusion Response (FACT*R) program allows trained paramedics to transport and administer blood products in the field.

The success of the FACT*R program is directly impacted by the availability of blood products from Inova Blood Donor Services. "Blood products donated through Inova stay local, right here in the Northern Virginia region, so your donation is truly an example of neighbors helping neighbors," says Fire Chief Keith H. Johnson.

Make your appointment today!

August 7, 2020

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Ida Lee Recreation Center

60 Ida Lee Drive, NW, Leesburg, VA 20176

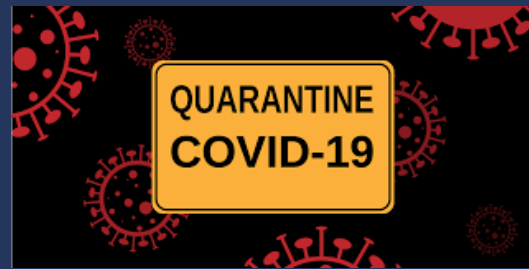
[Click here to Sign Up!](#)

Or Call [1-866-BLOODSAVES \(1-866-256-6372\)](tel:1-866-BLOODSAVES) and use sponsor code = 5245

Precautions will be taken to ensure proper social distancing and the use of face coverings

When to Quarantine

The CDC has updated its guidance on when to quarantine for 14 days. The CDC recommends that you stay home if you might have been exposed to COVID-19. Quarantine is used to keep someone who might have been exposed to COVID-19 away from others.







Quarantine helps prevent spread of diseases that can occur before a person knows they are sick or if they are infected with the virus without feeling symptoms. People in quarantine should stay home, separate themselves from others, monitor their health, and follow directions from their state or local health department.

[Learn more about when to quarantine](#)

Census Updates

Census employees are visiting Loudoun homes from now until October.

Facts to keep you & your information safe. **CENSUS EMPLOYEES:**

 Will wear masks and practice physical distancing.	 Will have a bag and ID with their photo and agency logo.
 Only visit homes that have not responded. You can still respond online: 2020Census.gov	 Will NOT ask for your immigration status or SSN.

Operations for the 2020 census continue in Loudoun County, where more than 78% of households have responded. Census employees have begun visiting households that have not yet responded to the census.

According to [U.S. Census Bureau guidelines](#), the workers going door to door will take measures to protect residents' health and information, including:

- Wearing a face covering, keeping 6 feet of distance from respondents and making all efforts to complete the survey outside of the home.
- Carrying identification, including a bag with the U.S. Census Bureau logo, a Census-Bureau-issued phone, and an ID badge with a photograph and Department of Commerce logo. Residents may verify the identity of a census employee by calling [844-330-2020](tel:844-330-2020).

The census provides critical data used to provide daily services, products, and support for you and your community. Every year, billions of dollars in federal funding go to hospitals, fire departments, schools, roads, and other resources based on census data.

Loudoun's Census count impacts Loudoun County Public Schools more than any other county program. Loudoun County receives more than \$15 million in federal funding based on Census data for school programs. These programs include free and reduced-price school meals, special education, Title I resources, Head Start, teacher training and more. For each child or adult not counted in the 2020 Census, Loudoun County expects to lose \$2,000 per year in federal funding during the next 10 years.

Households can still respond now by completing and mailing back the paper questionnaire they received, by responding online at [2020.Census.Gov](https://2020.census.gov), or by phone at [844-330-2020](tel:8443302020). Households can respond online or by phone in one of 13 languages and find assistance in many more. Those that respond will not need to be visited to obtain their census response.

[Find Out More](#)

Warm Line Available for those Struggling with COVID Trauma, Grief or Stress

The Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS), in conjunction with Mental Health America of Virginia, has established a COVID-19 Response Non-Emergency Warm Line for those struggling with distress, grief, or trauma caused by COVID-19.



Trained staff provide strength-based support, resilience building strategies, and community resources and referrals for those in need.

Call or text the VA COPES Warm Line toll free at [877-349-6428](tel:8773496428). This is an anonymous, no cost service. Hours of operation for are 9:00 am – 9:00 pm on Monday–Friday and 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday.

[More Information](#)

LCPS Parent Resource Services



Important Information

LCPS Parent Resource Services has a robust website that features everything from directories of community services to archived videos of workshops.

Topics covered in previous workshops include everything from managing childhood anxiety to using the Naviance software system to assist students with college and career readiness.

Additional parent resources and tips include, but are not limited to:

- Navigating reading resources for distance learning
- Supporting behavior for learning at home
- Mental health, wellness, and community resources
- Quick Tips for Supporting Behavior and Emotional Learning in Arabic, English, Persian-Farsi-Dari, Spanish and Vietnamese

[Visit the Site](#)

Loudoun County Launches Online Process for Building Permits, Land Development Applications

Loudoun County is now accepting building permit and administrative land development applications electronically.

Homeowners and residential contractors can submit their completed application form and supporting documentation, including drawings and plats, in PDF format for most residential construction projects to the Department of Building and Development through the Loudoun County government website.



Building Permits
and Land Development Applications

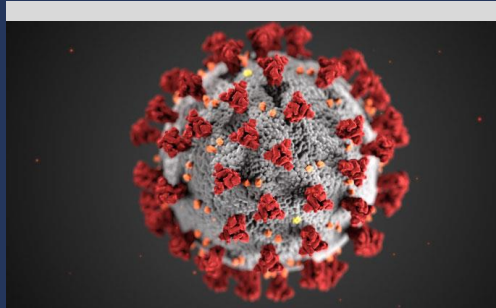
loudoun.gov/bdapplyonline

Developers, builders, engineers, and architects can also submit most permit and administrative land development applications and plans to the Department of Building and Development online. Accepting applications and project files online is the first step in the county's multi-phase project to implement electronic review and mark-up of land development plans using cloud-based platforms.

Customers may still submit paper applications and plans, but are encouraged to use online services to reduce the number of visitors in the Government Center and reduce the risks associated with [COVID-19](#).

More information about the online submission process and requirements is available at loudoun.gov/bdapplyonline.

Stay Informed!



The county continues to encourage everyone in the community to take steps to limit the spread of COVID-19, which include:

- Wear a mask/face covering ([see requirements](#))
- 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.



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.

- 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.

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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