



COVID-19 UPDATES
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Governor Northam Announces More Than \$6 Million to Support State and Local Criminal Justice Programs Amid COVID-19 Pandemic



Governor Ralph Northam recently announced that more than \$6 million in federal funding from the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Program was approved by the Executive Committee of the Criminal Justice Services Board of the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS). The Committee awarded 171 grants to localities, nonprofit organizations, and state agencies throughout Virginia.

[Read the Full Press Release](#)

Loudoun County is Again a Top Digital County



Loudoun County has again been recognized as one of the most technologically advanced county governments in the United States. Loudoun is ranked among the top ten in its population category in a national survey conducted by the Center for Digital Government and the National Association of Counties.



Examples highlighted in the survey include:

- Broadband Expansion
- COVID-19 Response
- Cybersecurity
- Modernizing Physical Infrastructure

[Find Out More](#)

September is National Suicide Prevention Month



September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month—a time to share resources and stories in an effort to shed light on this highly taboo and stigmatized topic. We use this month to reach out to those affected by suicide, raise awareness and connect

individuals with suicidal ideation to treatment services.

Informational Resources

- [Know the Warning Signs and Risk Factors of Suicide](#)
- [Being Prepared for a Crisis](#)
- [Navigating a Mental Health Crisis](#)

In the midst of a pandemic, many people are self-isolating to keep themselves and their families safe and healthy. It is extremely important during these difficult

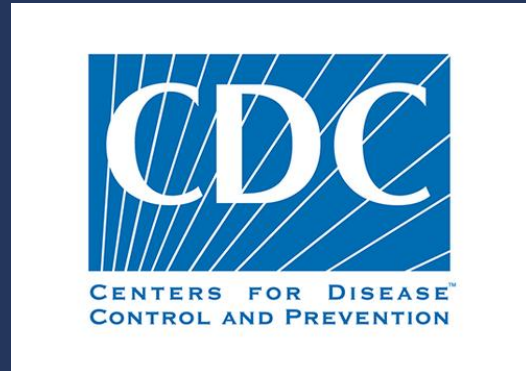
times that individuals, friends and families have access to the resources they need to discuss suicide prevention.

[Tips for Emotional Wellbeing During the COVID-19 Outbreak](#)

Staying Safe on Labor Day

Top U.S. health officials have warned this week that a safe Labor Day holiday will be key for controlling the spread of the coronavirus this fall.

Travel increases your chance of getting and spreading COVID-19. Staying home is the best way to protect yourself and others from COVID-19. You can get COVID-19 during your travels. You may feel well and not have any symptoms, but you can still spread COVID-19 to others.

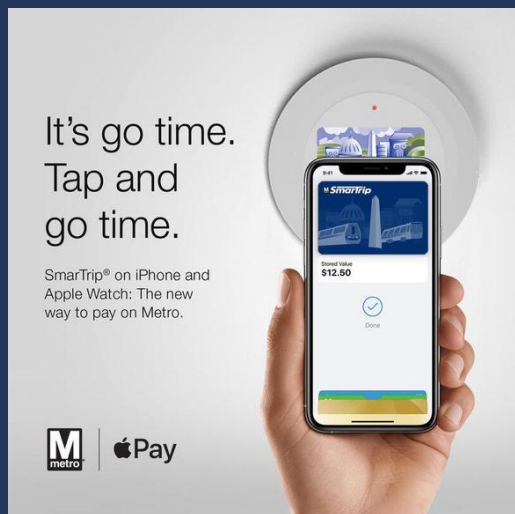


If hosting gatherings, remind invited guests to stay home if they have been exposed to COVID-19 in the last 14 days or are showing COVID-19 [symptoms](#). Anyone who has had close contact with a person who has COVID-19 should also stay home and monitor their health. Invited guests who live with those at higher risk should also consider the potential risk to their loved ones. Host any gatherings outdoors, when possible. If this is not feasible, make sure the room or space is well-ventilated (for example, open a window).

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) provides important safety reminders as we prepare for Labor Day weekend:

- [Stay Safe at the Pool and Beach](#)
 - [Travel During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
 - [Attending an Event or Gathering](#)
 - [Visiting Parks and Recreational Facilities](#)
 - [Hosting Gatherings or Cook-outs](#)
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Metro SmarTrip Now Available on iPhone and Apple Watch



WMATA recently announced a new, safer, touchless way to pay on Metro.

Pair the SmartTrip app with a SmartTrip Transit Card in your Apple Wallet on iPhone or Apple Watch. Hold your device near a SmartTrip card reader to pay anywhere that accepts SmartTrip, including Metrorail stations, Metro parking garages and lots, Metrobus routes, and all regional bus providers, including Loudoun County Transit.

Use the SmartTrip app to view your stored value balance, passes, and SmartBenefits and reload funds with Apple Pay, instead of using a vending machine.

[More Information](#)

Updates from the Workforce Development Center

September is Workforce Development Month and is celebrated annually by connecting people with employment opportunities in their communities.

In recognition of Workforce Development Month, the Loudoun Workforce Resource Center is offering several special virtual events during September 2020 that speak to a variety of community interests and needs. It is recommended that you have both camera and microphone capabilities on your device to enhance your event experience.



[Check out their events and register online today](#)

Loudoun Bolsters Online Farm Marketplace with \$20,000 Virginia AFID Grant



Loudoun farms and agriculture-based businesses got a boost on Friday, as Virginia Governor Ralph Northam awarded a \$20,000 Agriculture and Forestry Industries Development grant to Loudoun Economic

Development in support of the Loudoun Made Loudoun Grown Marketplace.

The Marketplace, launched in mid-April during the COVID-19 statewide lockdown, provides a direct, online link between farmers and their customers. Farmers set their own prices, delivery and pick-up locations, and 100% of proceeds go directly to the farmers.

[Learn More About the Grant and the Marketplace](#)

Complete the 2020 Census Today

The Census Bureau is working to complete data collection as quickly and safely as possible, while ensuring a complete and accurate count as it strives to comply with the law and statutory deadlines. All offices are schedule to complete their work by September 30, 2020.

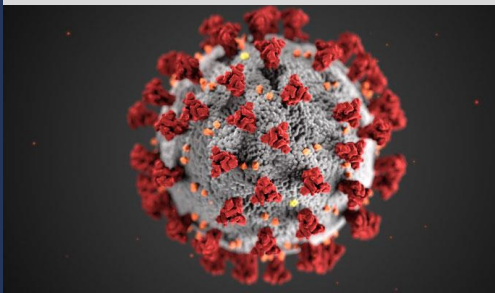


Data from the U.S. Census Bureau helps inform planning efforts for all of these important community resources. Census takers are now visiting every household that has not already responded to the 2020 Census to make sure they are counted.

You can still submit your responses by completing and mailing back the paper questionnaire you received, by responding online, or by phone at [844-330-2020](tel:844-330-2020).

[Complete the Census](#)

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.
- 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.

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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.

Residents with questions about COVID-19 may call the Loudoun County Health Department's information line, 703-737-8300, or email health@loudoun.gov.

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

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