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## COVID-19 UPDATES ~NOVEMBER 10, 2020~

### Updates from the Office of Governor Northam



**Governor Northam Directs \$7 Million in CARES Act Funding to Virginia Food Banks**

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**Governor Northam Allocates \$60 Million in CARES Act Funding for Municipal Utility Relief**

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**Governor Northam Announces \$22 Million for Virginia's Private Institutions of Higher Education**

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**Governor Northam Announces \$25 Million in CARES Act Funding for Medicaid Day Support Providers**

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# Loudoun County Hosts Free COVID-19 Testing November 14, 2020

Loudoun County will host two free drive-thru testing events for COVID-19 on Saturday, November 14, 2020, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The testing events are open to all. There are no age or residency requirements. No

prescriptions or appointments are necessary. A person does not have to exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 in order to be tested. A PCR test (nasal swab) will be administered, which tests for the novel coronavirus. Results will be available within a week. No antibody testing will be offered.

To help reduce wait times, people who plan to attend the testing event are strongly encouraged to complete a registration form for each person who will be receiving a test prior to arriving at the testing site. The registration form is required and asks for general demographics and contact information including name, date of birth, address, phone number and current symptoms, if any.

## Testing Locations

NOTE: The two testing locations are using two different registration forms because they are being operated by different contractors. Please complete the form that corresponds to the location you plan to attend for testing. Forms will also be available at the testing site.

- Tuscarora High School, 801 N. King Street, Leesburg
  - Saturday, November 14, 2020; 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
  - Tuscarora HS Registration Form: [English \(PDF\)](#) | [Spanish \(PDF\)](#)
- Simpson Middle School, 490 Evergreen Mill Road SE, Leesburg
  - Saturday, November 14, 2020; 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
  - Simpson MS Registration Form: [English \(PDF\)](#) | [Spanish \(PDF\)](#)

Information about the testing events and links to the forms also are available at [loudoun.gov/covid19testing](https://loudoun.gov/covid19testing).

**COVID-19 TESTING**  
**Saturday, November 14, 2020**  
**1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Two Locations**

<b>Tuscarora High School</b> 801 N King Street Leesburg, 20176	<b>J. Lupton Simpson Middle School</b> 490 Evergreen Mills Road Leesburg, 20175
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Drive-thru only. Free & open to everyone.

**loudoun.gov/COVID19testing**

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## REMINDER: Public Invited to Take Loudoun County Unmet Housing Needs Survey

Loudoun needs affordable housing solutions. You can help

*Take the Survey!*

Unmet Housing Needs Strategic Plan

Welcome

Loudoun County has embarked on the development of an Unmet Housing Needs Strategic Plan that will address housing needs and affordability with specific programs, financing, and other tools. The County is looking for your "vision, needs, and issues related to housing affordability." We need to work together to develop a plan to address this complex challenge.

[loudoun.gov/housingneeds](https://loudoun.gov/housingneeds)

**TODAY is the last day to complete the unmet housing needs survey!**

To assist in the development of Loudoun County's Unmet Housing Needs Strategic Plan (UHNSP), members of the public are invited to take part in an online survey on housing, community development needs and fair

housing issues.

The Loudoun County Office of Housing is seeking public input through the survey, which is open until November 10, 2020, and can be taken at: [metroquestsurvey.com/o45y](https://metroquestsurvey.com/o45y).

Public input from the survey, and from two public meetings held in late October, will help identify housing needs, gaps and opportunities, so that the strategic plan can help the county and its partners improve housing access, quality and affordability for all families. Survey results will help the county better understand the type, locations and prices of needed future housing.

The purpose of the UHNSP is to identify goals and strategies that address unmet housing needs in a systematic and comprehensive way with integrated programs. The plan will also aim to create housing targets over the short term (the next five years) and the long term.

[Get more information](#) about the plan, including a link to sign up for updates and a link to the survey.

[Learn more](#) about the county's existing housing programs.

## Earn up to \$3,000 Towards High-Demand Credentials

Students can receive up to \$3,000 towards the cost of tuition and fees for approved workforce education and degree programs at Northern Virginia Community College.

The new REV program provides tuition assistance to help recently unemployed workers earn credentials in high demand, high growth fields such as information technology, cybersecurity, engineering, allied health and the skilled trades.

To qualify for REV funds for high-demand workforce education programs at NOVA, you must certify that you meet one of the following eligibility criteria:

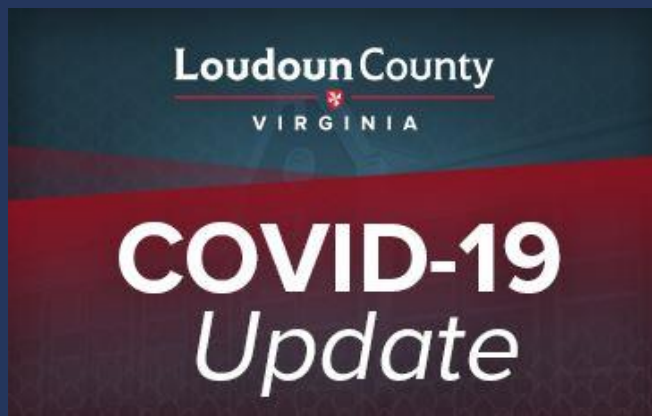
- A Virginia resident who lost their job due to COVID-19 and received unemployment benefits on or after August 1, 2020.
- A Virginia resident who was laid off from a full-time job due to COVID-19 and now works part-time, earning less than \$15/hour.

Eligible applicants must enroll in a qualifying program found on [nvcc.edu/rev](https://nvcc.edu/rev) ***before the December 14, 2020 registration deadline.***

A full list of eligible programs and next steps is available on [NOVA's website](#). Please email [NOVAREV@nvcc.edu](mailto:NOVAREV@nvcc.edu) with any questions about the program.



## Revive! Loudoun County Opioid Overdose Reversal Training



Loudoun County continues its series of opioid overdose reversal trainings, which are now available virtually. Participants who complete the training are eligible to receive free naloxone nasal spray. They may choose to receive naloxone by mail or arrange pickup.

### **Registration Required**

The training is free and open to everyone. Anyone who uses opioids or knows someone who is using opioids is encouraged to attend. Those interested in attending must preregister at the link above. The training is open only to preregistered participants.

### **Register for Upcoming Classes**

- [Monday, November 16, 2020, 5:30 p.m.](#)
- [Friday, November 20, 2020, 12:00 p.m.](#)

## **Loudoun County Residents Urged to Apply Now for Utility Payment Assistance**

Utility payment assistance is now available to Loudoun County residents who have experienced economic hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Residential customers, including those in the seven incorporated towns, can request assistance to pay their electric, water, and gas bills.

You can also receive assistance for propane, oil or wood, if those are used for heating or cooking. Residents are urged to apply now to ensure that applications are completed by **the deadline of December 15th.**



To apply, contact the COVID-19 Emergency Fund and Helpline at [703-669-5040](tel:703-669-5040). For more information, visit [www.cdda.net/need-help/loudoun-county-utility-assistance.pdf](http://www.cdda.net/need-help/loudoun-county-utility-assistance.pdf).

The assistance program is administered by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington and Loudoun Cares, and supported by a CARES Act grant from Loudoun County.

## Celebrating the Holidays Safely During the COVID-19 Pandemic



The Loudoun County Health Department encourages residents to plan their holiday celebrations and travel carefully to lower the risk of getting and spreading the virus that causes COVID-19. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) advises that staying home is the best way to protect yourself and others. Those who choose to gather and travel

over the holiday season should avoid high-risk activities.

As you plan your celebrations this holiday season, remember that each of us has a role to play in slowing the spread of COVID-19. Keep in mind the simple steps that everyone should take every day to help keep yourself, your family and your community safe.

[Get More Detailed Info on Low, Moderate, and High-Risk Activities](#)

**Loudoun County Employment Information Session: Saturday, November 14, 10 am-12 pm**

Join Loudoun County for an informational webinar on best practices for completing an employment application with Loudoun County Government.

Kellie Dick, Workforce Planning Specialist and Robert Smallfield, Recruitment Program Specialist will present an overview of the County's recruitment process and will walk job candidates through the online application system.

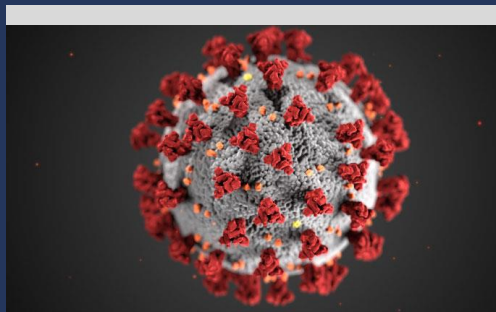
Potential job candidates will better understand the technical components of completing the employment application and knowing how to identify their recruitment status after successfully applying for career opportunities with Loudoun County.

Questions are welcomed and encouraged at the end of the presentation. For consideration of employment position with Loudoun County Government, please visit the Human Resources website at [www.loudoun.gov/jobs](http://www.loudoun.gov/jobs).

[Register Here](#)



## Stay Informed!



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

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Loudoun County encourages residents to stay informed about 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.
- Avoid contact with sick people.
- Avoid non-essential travel.

- To receive email updates on COVID-19, visit [loudoun.gov/coronavirus](http://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** p ara 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](mailto:health@loudoun.gov).

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