



COVID-19 Updates & Important Information

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Governor Northam Announces New Steps to Accelerate COVID-19 Vaccination Efforts



Governor Ralph Northam announced new actions to support the Commonwealth's COVID-19 vaccine distribution program and accelerate the pace of vaccinations across Virginia.

Governor Northam also announced the next priority populations to receive vaccinations, based in part on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and recommendations from the federal Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

[Read the Full Press Release](#)

Virtual Mental Health First Aid Trainings Scheduled in January

Anyone interested in having a better understanding of mental illness is encouraged to sign up for one of the next virtual Loudoun County Mental Health First Aid trainings.

The free classes cover:

- Common signs and symptoms of mental illness
- Common signs and symptoms of substance use
- How to interact with a person in crisis
- How to connect the person with help
- Information on trauma, addiction and self-care

Upcoming Classes

- A general class for adults is set for January 20 & 21, 2021, from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. each day. The deadline to register is January 11.
- A class for adults who interact with young people will be held January 28 & 29, 2021, from 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. each day. The deadline to register is January 19.

[Get More Info and Register Online](https://loudoun.gov/MHFirstAid)



Using Gyms, Fitness Centers or Studios



Exercise is important for physical and mental health and should be continued for healthy living, especially during the coronavirus crisis. However, you should take precautions to make you less likely to get or spread COVID-19.

Per Virginia Governor Ralph Northam's [Executive Order Seventy-Two](#) and guidance

from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#):

- Keep at least 10 feet away from other people and wear a face covering over your nose and mouth.
- Select a facility that requires all staff and attendees to wear a mask that covers their mouth and nose at all times.
- Select a facility that limits occupancy to 75 percent of the lowest occupancy load.
- Limit high-intensity activities to the outdoors.
- Wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds, or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol, before and after using machines.

Opioid Overdose Reversal Virtual Training

Loudoun County has scheduled several virtual training sessions for January 2021 on how to recognize and respond to an opioid overdose.

The next REVIVE! sessions are scheduled for:

- January 11, 2021, 5:30 pm
- January 14, 2021, 12:00 pm
- January 19, 2021, 5:30 pm



The free, one-hour training covers signs of opioid overdose and how to respond to an opioid overdose with the administration of naloxone, a drug that can be used to treat narcotic overdoses in emergency situations.

Any registered participant completing the training will be eligible to receive free naloxone nasal spray. Anyone who uses opioids or knows someone who is using opioids is encouraged to sign up for the training.

Pre-registration is required and is on a first-come, first-served basis. Register at loudoun.gov/revive.

LCPS Seeking Three Members for Equity Committee



At its January 4, 2021, meeting, the Loudoun County School Board announced it was seeking three members for the Equity Committee based on the committee's revised charter, found [here](#).

Members being sought are representatives of the following three communities:

- One member nominee from an interested member of the Hindu community
- One member nominee from an interested member of the Latinx community
- One member nominee from an interested member of the LGBTQIA+ community

Those interested should fill out a statement of interest via this [Google form](#), no later than 5 p.m. Friday, January 15.

The next meeting of the Equity Committee is on Thursday, February 4. The School Board is expected to appoint the three new members at its Tuesday, February 26, meeting.

The Equity Committee is composed of various stakeholders and is charged with making recommendations to the School Board to create a culturally responsive school system for every LCPS student. The committee meets the first Thursday of every month, unless otherwise noted.

Those appointed will serve until December 31, 2021. A committee member may be nominated for another year of service. Committee members who miss two meetings without contacting the committee's chair will be removed and the stakeholder group will be asked to nominate a new member.

Questions about the Equity Committee may be directed to LCPS Director of Equity Lottie Spurlock at Lottie.Spurlock@lcps.org.

USDA Announces Continuation of the Farmers to Families Food Box Program, Fifth Round of Food Purchases

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue announced the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will purchase an additional \$1.5 billion worth of food for nationwide distribution through the Farmers to Families Food Box Program.



In total, USDA has [distributed more than 132 million food boxes](#) in support of American farmers and families affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Farmers to Families Food Box program is part of the Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP), which was developed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Using authority provided by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, USDA partnered with national, regional and local distributors, whose workforces were significantly impacted by the closure of restaurants, hotels and other food service businesses, to purchase and distribute agricultural products to Americans in need.

[Learn More](#)

Loudoun County Seeks Proposals from Rental Property Owners for Project-Based Vouchers

**Loudoun County
is accepting
proposals from
rental property
owners for
Project-Based
Vouchers.**



Learn more at loudoun.gov/projectbasedvouchers

The Loudoun County Office of Housing is now accepting proposals from the owners of rental property to contract with the county for Project-Based Vouchers (PBVs). PBVs will be awarded to rental property owners for assistance tied to specific housing units, which may be newly constructed or rehabilitated rental housing. PBVs may be awarded to the owners of

affordable rental housing who provide fully accessible housing for people with disabilities.

Proposals must be submitted by 5:00 p.m., Monday, January 25, 2021. The Loudoun County Office of Housing reserves the right to not award PBV contracts.

[Criteria and More Information](#)

Virtual Northern Virginia Housing Expo Features Resources for Homebuyers and Renters

The 2021 Northern Virginia Housing Expo launched on January 1st as a free virtual event.

The online expo, geared to first-time homebuyers and renters, will feature the three key aspects of the annual regional housing expo in a virtual format: an exhibit hall with dozens of exhibitors, free workshops for first-time homebuyers and renters, and personal financial counseling sessions.

The [2021 Northern Virginia Housing Expo](#) opened the virtual exhibit hall as well as online registration for workshops and financial counseling sessions that will be held throughout the year.

Need to Buy or Rent in Northern Virginia?



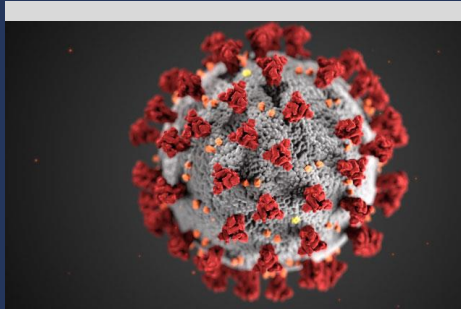
**Log on to the virtual
2021 Northern Virginia
Housing Expo!
Starts Jan.1, 2021.**

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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.

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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.

- 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.

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