



Governor Northam Directs Postponement of Elective Surgeries

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Governor Ralph Northam and State Health Commissioner M. Norman Oliver, MD, MA directed all hospitals to stop performing elective surgeries or procedures in order to help conserve supplies of personal protective equipment (PPE).

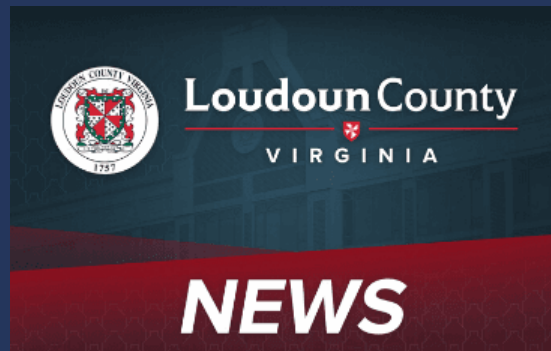
Read the full press release [here](#).

Loudoun County Health Department Reports First COVID-19 Death

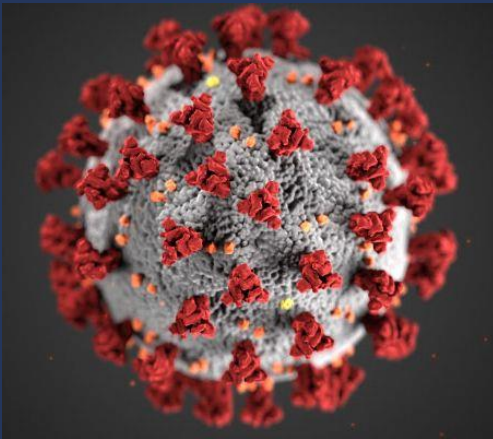
The Loudoun County Health Department is reporting its first death of a hospitalized patient who previously tested positive for the virus that causes COVID-19.

"We are saddened by the first confirmed death of a Loudoun County resident due to COVID-19. Our hearts go out to her loved ones," said Loudoun County Health Department Director Dr. David Goodfriend. "The health of our residents is our top priority and we ask that everyone do their part to slow the spread of the virus in our community: practice social distancing, wash your hands, and cover coughs and sneezes."

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Loudoun Health Officials: First Coronavirus Testing is for Those Most at Risk



As availability of testing for coronavirus begins to improve, Loudoun County health officials say it is important that these tests be available to those at highest risk of complications from infection and those essential to maintaining health care delivery and services and public safety.

The [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) recommends that the following people outside the hospital setting who have symptoms consistent with coronavirus be prioritized for testing:

- Health care workers.
- Patients in long-term care facilities.
- Patients 65 years of age and older.
- Patients with underlying high risk medical conditions.
- First responders

If you are not in one of the priority groups listed above or in a priority group listed by your doctor's office or a drive-through testing service, at this time the Loudoun County Health Department recommends that you do not request testing, even if sick, so those at higher risk are able to be screened.

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Metro Takes Additional Steps, Coordinates with Public Health Authorities on COVID-19

Metro's Pandemic Task Force announced the strategic closing of 17 additional metro stations, effective today, Thursday, March 26, 2020.

These closure are an effort to conserve critical resources and protect the health and safety of Metro employees and the public. This follows drastic measures already taken to reduce travel on Metro to essential trips only, leading to a Metrorail ridership decline of 90 percent.



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COVID-19 Scams



As a result of the COVID-19 crisis, individuals and groups may try to use your compassion or fear of the virus against you.

Although the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office has not received any reports of scams connected to the Coronavirus, they are asking residents to remain vigilant.

If you believe you have been victim of fraud, please contact the Loudoun County Sheriff's

Office at 703-777-1021 or [file a report online](#).

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[Northern Virginia Family Service](http://nvfs.org) - nvfs.org

[Loudoun Cares](http://loudouncares.org) - loudouncares.org

[The Community Foundation for Loudoun and Northern Fauquier Counties](http://communityfoundationlf.org) communityfoundationlf.org

2020 U.S. Census



The 2020 Census is open, and it is more important than ever for every Loudoun resident to be counted.

Loudoun County relies on more than \$30 million in federal funding based on Census counts, several which are critical to COVID-19

response including healthcare services, school meals, and public safety.

Residents should receive an invitation to respond online by March 20, or can simply visit www.2020Census.gov.

It takes only 10 minutes by computer or smartphone, available in 13 languages, and your answers are confidential. ***Please share this information with your neighbors, friends, and network so that Everyone Counts.***

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