



DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE
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Virginia Uses Genetic Technology to Combat COVID-19



Governor Ralph Northam announced yesterday that the Department of General Services' (DGS) Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services (DCLS) is one of the first public health labs in the nation to use genetic technology to help public health officials better understand and track the scope of the COVID-19 pandemic to strengthen prevention and response efforts.

[Read the Full Press Release](#)

Loudoun Residents Prove Generous in Donating Personal Protective Equipment; Need Continues

Loudoun County residents have responded generously to the county government's call for donations of personal protective equipment (PPE) for distribution to Loudoun-based health care providers and facilities in need.

The need for PPE in our region continues. Any donated supplies may be opened, but must be unused. Individuals and organizations with personal protective equipment to donate should submit an online form with details about the available equipment at loudoun.gov/ppe.

Personal Protective Equipment



- > Make a donation
- > Make a request

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loudoun.gov/PPE

Equipment Requests

The county is also fielding requests from Loudoun-based health care providers and facilities in need of personal protective equipment. Requests can be made through a form online at loudoun.gov/ppe.

[Read more](#)

Reminder: The 2020 Census is Open - Help Loudoun Families by Responding Today



As of April 5th, 60% of Loudoun households have responded to the Census. It is extremely important that the remaining 40% of households respond and count everyone in their home.

Responding to 2020 Census is one more way you can help Loudoun families during times of need, now and for the next 10 years. Your Census response helps fund our schools, healthcare services, affordable housing, roads, and more. The safest way to answer is at home and online—if you have not received Census mail, you can still respond.

Take 10 minutes and be counted at www.2020Census.gov.

Also see the [Loudoun County Census Resource Page](#) for more info

The CDC Now Recommends Wearing Cloth Face Coverings in Public Settings

The CDC now recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies), especially in areas of significant community-based transmission.

These coverings help to slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others.

Your cloth face covering should:

- Reach above the nose, below the chin, and completely cover the mouth and nostrils
- Fit snugly against the sides of the face
- Be made of multiple layers of fabric that you can still breathe through
- Be able to be laundered and machine dried without damaging the material or shape

Do not buy surgical masks to use as a face covering. Those are intended for healthcare workers and first responders.

Many items you may already have in your home can be used to create face coverings. Try creating a cloth face covering using bandanas, ski masks, washable napkins, or dish towels.

Visit the county's [COVID-19 Resources web page](#) to learn how to properly wear a face covering and get instructions on how to make your own face covering.

[Read the full release](#)



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LCSO Social Distancing Enforcement

Do You / Should You Call Us?

Understanding the overcrowding & social distancing guidelines.



- My neighbor is having a gathering with more than 10 people. **YES - call us.**
- There is a group of people playing soccer on a school field. **YES - call us.**
- My neighbor's family is sitting outside in their yard - **NO they are compliant.**
- I see people hiking on a trail. **NO they are compliant - maintain social distancing.**
- There are more than 10 people at the grocery store. **NO they are compliant- maintain social distancing.**
- I see people playing golf. **NO as long as they are practicing social distancing; each player.**
- Neighbors are sitting outside at the end of their own driveways. **NO they are compliant.**
- I see people going into a business that I do not believe is essential. **YES - call us.**

Visit [virginia.gov/coronavirus/faq](https://www.virginia.gov/coronavirus/faq) for a full list of essential businesses and guidelines.

Loudoun County Sheriff's Office
Emergency: 9-1-1 / Non-Emergency: 703-777-1021



The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office has received a number of inquiries from residents as to what constitutes a violation of the executive orders.

Many concerns involve potential overcrowding within businesses or gatherings in community.

The LCSO continues to conduct an educational campaign to ensure

voluntary compliance by Loudoun residents and businesses to the Governor's Order(s). This approach has been effective and stay at home orders have not had to be enforced.

Some of the calls are in regards to potential large gatherings in residential communities or closed public facility amenities or grounds (parks/schools). In many cases the gatherings are outside and are following the guidelines of 10 or fewer people and social distancing of 6' or involved juveniles playing sports on closed county property and were voluntarily resolved.

Remember: the LCSO will not randomly stop community members to review compliance checks of the Governor's orders or conduct random checks of businesses.

For more info, please visit: <https://www.virginia.gov/coronavirus/faq>

IRS Issues Warning about Coronavirus-Related Scams

The Internal Revenue Service urges everyone to be on the lookout for a surge of calls and email phishing attempts about the Coronavirus, or COVID-19. These contacts can lead to tax-related fraud and identity theft.



Reporting Coronavirus-Related or Other Phishing Attempts

Those who receive unsolicited emails, text messages or social media attempts to gather information that appear to be from either the IRS or an organization closely linked to the IRS, such as the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS), should forward it to phishing@irs.gov.

Taxpayers are encouraged not to engage potential scammers online or on the phone. Learn more about reporting suspected scams by going to the [Report Phishing and Online Scams](#) page on IRS.gov.

Official IRS information about the COVID-19 pandemic and economic impact payments can be found on the [Coronavirus Tax Relief](#) page on IRS.gov. The page is updated quickly when new information is available.

[Read more](#)

Virtual Job Fair



Please know that during these uncertain times, the staff of the Loudoun County Workforce Resource Center are here to help you through.

Local employers are still hiring and seeking applicants for key positions. On **Thursday, April 9th**, the WRC will hold a **Virtual Job Fair from 3:00-5:00 pm** to meet employers in a virtual environment, hear from employers with job openings in Loudoun County, and discover new career opportunities.

Registered participants will be provided with log-in details for each participating employers' online session.

Interested in a free resumé critique before the fair? Contact WRC at [703-771-5132](tel:703-771-5132)

[Register here](#)

New Searchable Jobs Portal Shows All Available Careers in Loudoun County

Loudoun Economic Development has unveiled a jobs portal that aggregates and filters all positions currently open in Loudoun County.

The portal pulls in listings from more than 10,000 public job boards, providing a comprehensive tool for finding a job in Loudoun County.

Businesses do not have to do anything extra in order to be listed, as the portal pulls from most publicly available job advertisements.

Daily updates at midnight provide real-time job data, and positions that are no longer available will be automatically removed from the search results.

[Read more](#)



LEF Feeds Hundreds of Food Insecure Students and Families in LCPS



The LEF-LCPS Backpack Coalition collected, prepared, and distributed meal bags for food insecure students and their families.

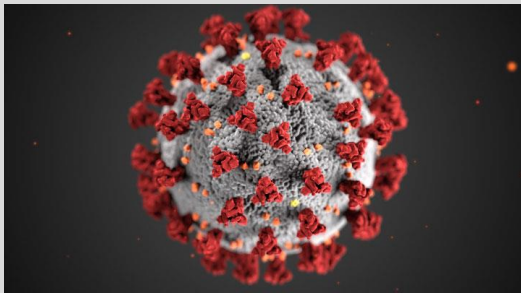
If you or someone you know would like to contribute to

the Coalition, please follow the donate link below and be sure to designate your gift to the Backpack Coalition through the drop down menu provided.

[Donate here](#)

Stay Informed!

Keeping with the Board of Supervisors' policy, regularly scheduled meetings of the Board's [advisory boards, commissions and committees](#) are canceled while Loudoun County Public Schools are closed. The county will provide updated information on meeting status as this rapidly evolving situation continues. For the most current schedule, please visit loudoun.gov/calendar.



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

- 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.

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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.

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

- 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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