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April 11, 2020

Dear Catoctin Residents,

I have many updates to share with you this week. So much has unfolded during these recent days of COVID-19. But first I want to take this opportunity to wish a Happy Easter and a Happy and Joyous Passover to all those who are celebrating Easter and Passover this week. Even in these challenging times we have much to be thankful for, and I hope you are sharing these times with your families and loved ones.

There is an abundance of information in this update regarding COVID-19. I have included updated information from Loudoun

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County, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the White House. I hope you find this information helpful.

Please keep sending us your thoughts. We'll be posting regular updates for the Catoctin District on [my Facebook page](#), and will keep adding more information and resources to [my webpage](#) in the weeks to come.

Have a safe and enjoyable rest of your weekend.

Sincerely,

Caleb



Loudoun County's Update on COVID-19

Current COVID-19 Cases in Loudoun

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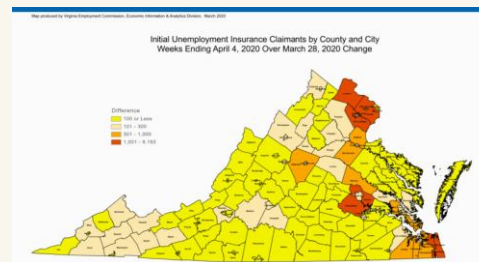


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As of April 9, there were **258 confirmed positive cases** of COVID-19 in Loudoun County, up 20 from the day before. Five Loudoun fatalities were associated with COVID-19 - three male and two female, all in the 65+ age group. Our prayers go out to these families during this difficult time.

To learn more, we recommend the [Loudoun County COVID Testing and Data Website](#). It has further information and data on cases, hospitalizations, deaths, and more for Loudoun County and for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

If you'd like to contact the Health Department directly, you can reach them at their hotline, (703) 737-8300.



Unemployment in Virginia from COVID-19

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LEX Loudoun Express Request



Send your complaints and requests right to county staff! [LEX](#) is designed to be an online system where you can contact the

The Virginia Employment Commission (VEC) announced the initial claims for unemployment insurance continued to rise, according to its weekly figures released on April 9.

Claims

	March 14	March 21	March 28	April 4
<i>Loudoun</i>	53	1,622	4,561	7,070



Donating Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Loudoun County is now accepting donations of personal protective equipment (PPE) and distributing those supplies to the Loudoun-based health care providers and facilities who need them.

Personal protective equipment may include:

appropriate county staff for all of your needs.

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511

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Dial
1(800)FOR-ROAD

- Surgical masks
- N-95 respirators
- Disposable gowns
- Face shields
- Coveralls
- Gloves
- Hand sanitizer

Any donated supplies may be opened, but must be unused.

To donate PPEs: If you or your organization have personal protective equipment to donate, take it to the county's drop-off site at 751 Miller Drive, Leesburg, VA 20176. You can see more details about dropping off equipment at loudoun.gov/ppe.

Please remember that the county is not able to accept homemade equipment, such as homemade masks.

To request PPEs: If you are a Loudoun-based health care providers and facilities who needs personal protective equipment, just fill out our short [online form](#). The county will prioritize requests from these categories of requesters (not listed in any particular order):

- Critical county and hown government health care providers and/or emergency responders
- Federally Qualified Health Centers and free clinics that accept referrals of ill patients who need evaluation and coronavirus specimen collection
- Assisted living and other senior facilities for whom the CDC recommends PPE
- Mass screening clinics
- Outpatient providers who currently provide specimen collection and testing



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- Home health providers who are recommended to use PPE

If resources are available, a county representative will contact you to coordinate the receipt of donated items, and supplies will be delivered to the location you identified on your request.

If you or your organizations have previously submitted requests for and received PPE, you can always submit additional request forms if you have additional needs.



Free Wi-Fi Hot Spots Installed in Western Loudoun

Loudoun County [is offering new Wi-Fi hot spots](#) for residents in western Loudoun. The county has worked to amplify the Loudoun County Public Library's Wi-Fi signal so that it is available to access in the parking lots immediately adjacent to the Lovettsville, Middleburg, and Purcellville libraries.

If you use one of these hot spots, we do ask you to maintain social distancing. You can stay in your vehicle, or stay at least 6

feet away from others if you aren't in a vehicle.

The name of the network is LibraryWiFi. No password is required, although users will need to click "accept" on the landing page. The Wi-Fi hot spots are expected to be operational starting this Monday, April 13. Service will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.



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Business Resources

Loudoun County's Department of Economic Development is focused on providing support, programming, and education to help our local business as we all cope with the impact of COVID-19. The Department's [COVID-19 page](#) provides their top resources and guidance for businesses. Please check back regularly for updates in regards to business and the COVID-19.

[Visit the Website](#)



We Need Loudoun Farms For the Loudoun Made - Loudoun Grown Marketplace

Loudoun County's farm-to-consumer experience is going digital with the future launch of the [Loudoun Made, Loudoun Grown Marketplace](#), an e-commerce platform that offers a one-stop-shop for consumers to buy produce from local farms.

The marketplace is expected to go live soon. If you have a Loudoun farm or rural business with a direct-to-consumer business model, you can [sign up here](#) and take advantage of the platform's vendor opportunities.

"This is the perfect tool at the perfect time, safely connecting customers and farm businesses at a time when social distancing requires a change in protocol," Loudoun Economic Development's Executive Director Buddy Rizer explained. "For customers, access to fresh, local food helps feed families and enhance our sense of community. For businesses, this is a lifeline that helps pay the bills, improves efficiency, and keeps everyone safe."

Learn More



Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS)

LCPS established an additional website with [mental health, wellness and community resources for families](#). They have also set up a COVID-19 hotline at (571) 252-6499. More information about distance learning (digital and non-digital) is available at the [LCPS Continuity of Education Resources](#).

Food Service deliveries were suspended on April 9 and 10 due to Spring Break; instead, those meals were distributed on Wednesday, April 8.



Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) & Loudoun County Transit

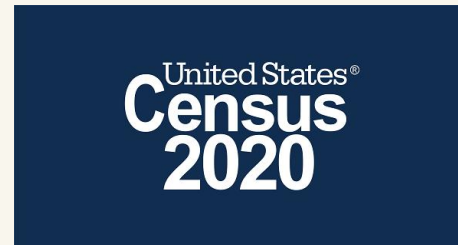
Due to declining ridership as a result of the ongoing efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19, Loudoun County Transit has made the following changes to their ongoing bus service:

- Fares have been suspended on all routes for at least 60 days, in order to reduce interactions between passengers and drivers and eliminate the need for transit staff and drivers to handle cash.
- Loudoun County Transit will load passengers through the rear door, when possible, to meet social distancing protocols.

Click [here](#) for more details about changes to the Premium Commuter, Metro Service, Local Fixed Route, and ADA/Paratransit bus services.

In addition, as part of its ongoing efforts to limit frontline transit workers' exposure to the public during the ongoing COVID-19 emergency, Metro's Pandemic Task Force further reduced rail and bus hours.

Click [here](#) for WMATA's COVID-19 Service Information.



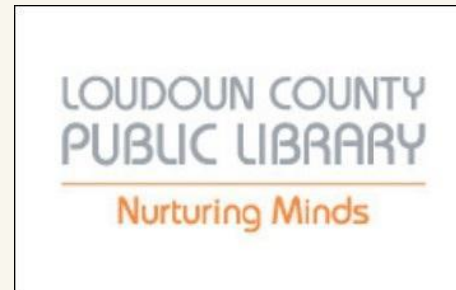
The 2020 Census

The U.S. Census Bureau is suspending its 2020 Census field operations until April 15, 2020. The deadline to complete the census has now extended to August 14.

The easiest way to respond to the 2020 Census is online. Just visit [the 2020 Census site](#) and get started! The online form takes 10 minutes to fill out. It's available in 13 languages, and your answers are kept confidential. If you received a mailer from the Census that has your census ID, use it. If not, that's fine - just fill in your address and you're good to go.

Your response ensures that the resources we are using now, such as school meals and healthcare, to respond to situations like COVID-19 are available to all families for the next 10 years. Please share this information with your neighbors, friends, and network so that Everyone Counts.

Visit the Website



Loudoun County Public Library (LCPL)

The due date for all physical items checked out from branches has been extended to June 20. LCPL staff are recording programs and storytimes to keep our community engaged online. New [online story time videos](#) will be posted Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays on YouTube. [Click here to watch](#).

Access to [Ancestry.com Library Edition](#) is now available from home. Visit the [LCPL website](#) for all the latest updates. LCPL has set up the "Ask a Librarian" at 703-777-0323: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 p.m.-5 p.m., or [email](#) anytime and staff will respond as promptly as possible during work hours.

Your Quarantine Survival Guide: The [library is closed](#) and everyone is spending more time indoors these days - so let's make the most of it! Our librarians have rounded up their favorite online tools for learning, exploration and recreation to help your stay at home be a more enriching experience. Just like the library's popular array of [eBooks and digital offerings](#), these resources are all absolutely free.

Visit the Website



More Loudoun Resources

Stress and Coping

The outbreak of COVID-19 may be stressful and overwhelming for you. Consider the following guidance and resources for yourself and your family:

- The WHO's Flyer on Helping Children Cope with Stress
- Emergency Services can help you if you are experiencing a behavioral health crisis. You can reach them 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, at (703) 777-0320.
- For general information, you can call (703) 771-5155 or email asktheMHSADSdirector@loudoun.gov.

Volunteering

We are seeing an increase in people asking how they can help and where can they volunteer. If you'd like to help, here are two opportunities where we could really use you:

- [The Loudoun County Medical Reserve Corps \(MRC\)](#) is actively supporting COVID-19 response efforts. If you'd like to be eligible to assist in the response, either in a medical or non-medical role, [go to their website](#) for more information. Please remember that you must be a credentialed member of an organization such as the MRC

to be able to assist now or in the future - and you can [complete your new volunteer training online](#). (Spontaneous volunteers who have *not* completed this volunteer training are strongly discouraged.)

- [The Loudoun Cares Volunteer Center](#) has an online board of opportunities for people to volunteer - from bilingual volunteer drivers to grocery donations. [Check the board](#) and see if there's a need you can fill.

Utilities

Dominion Virginia Power, Loudoun Water, and the County's other utility providers have their own COVID-19 websites, which explain what actions they're taking to help people during the governor's Stay at Home order and/or who are suffering from the virus's financial fallout.

Loudoun County maintains a list of links to those websites at loudoun.gov/utilitiesCOVID19.

Wi-Fi Connectivity

Internet service just became even more crucial to our residents than it already was. Here's what our internet service providers are doing to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak:

- **Comcast** is offering their [Essential Internet package](#) free for 60 days to families who don't currently have internet access.
- **Verizon** is letting its customers [fill out a hardship form](#) to protect their accounts from late fees or terminations through May 13. Check out [their FAQ page](#) to learn what other services they're offering to respond to COVID-19.
- **AT&T, T-Mobile, and Sprint** have removed data limits for their cellular customers.

Stay Informed

- Visit Loudoun County's [COVID-19 webpage](#) for regular news alerts, guidance, and updates.
- Text LCCOVID19 to 888777 to get regular text alerts from Loudoun County about COVID-19.
- [Sign up for email and text updates on COVID-19](#) on Loudoun County's website.
- Follow the Loudoun County Government's [Facebook page](#) and [Twitter account](#).



Commonwealth of Virginia's Update on COVID-19

Current COVID-19 Cases in Virginia

As of today, April 11, the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) reports **5,077 cases of COVID-19** within Virginia, with **837 hospitalizations** and **130 deaths**. This information is updated regularly on [the VDH's COVID-19 webpage](#).

Virginia Coronavirus Fraud Task Force and IRS Warn of Scams

The Virginia Coronavirus Fraud Task Force and Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigations have [issued a press release](#), warning taxpayers to be alert about possible scams

relating to COVID-19 economic impact payments.

Virginia Hospitals

The Virginia Hospital & Healthcare Association (VHHA) has launched [a new online data dashboard](#) to provide up-to-date statistics on the number of COVID-19 hospitalizations across the Commonwealth, ventilators being used, current hospital bed availability, and metrics on the number of hospitals experiencing challenges obtaining or replenishing their crucial inventories of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other needed medical supplies.

As of today, 735 confirmed positive patients are hospitalized, 426 of which are hospitalized in the ICU. 23% of the available ventilators are currently in use at hospitals.

Elections

On April 8, Governor Northam asked the General Assembly to move the May general election and all special elections scheduled for May to the November 3 general election date to further mitigate the spread of COVID-19. The General Assembly will reconvene on April 22.

The Governor also exercised his statutory authority under [Virginia State Code § 24.2-603.1](#) to move the June primary elections from June 9 to June 23.

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

Circuit Court

On March 16, the Chief Justice, having received a request from the Governor pursuant to [Virginia State Code §17.1-330](#), entered an [order](#) that the declaration of judicial emergency be in effect and continue beginning April 6 through April 26 for all district and circuit courts of the Commonwealth.

As of now, the Clerk of the Circuit Court is offering essential services by appointment only. Also, the customer service hours for these services will change to 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. daily.



THE WHITE HOUSE

COVID-19 Updates from the White House

30 Days to Stop the Spread of COVID-19

Last week, the White House announced their updated "Coronavirus Guidelines for America," which recommends extending social distancing and other efforts through April 30. They have asked state and local governments and other local stakeholders to share these recommendations through their leadership platforms - and especially to share their new "30 Days to Stop the Spread" guidance document.

The White House believes there are initial signs that these efforts are paying dividends, and they stated it is critical that everyone continues to follow this guidance, even as we see a leveling out of cases in some areas of the country.

Here's a link to the White House's ["30 Days to Stop the Spread"](#) guidance document.

You can read more on the federal government's [main COVID-19 website](#).

Disaster Declaration Requests

President Trump has approved major disaster declaration requests from many of the state and territorial governors. As of April 9, 51 of the governors had their requests approved, which meant that requests from 23 states and/or territories had been approved since the April 1 national update call.

National Guard Deployments

As of April 7, for the 37 states that had requested it, the President had approved 100% of National Guard deployment costs under Title 32. This will allow those states' National Guard units to assist with response and logistics support operations, while ensuring that their governors remain in command.

Personal Protective Equipment

Through Project Air Bridge, FEMA has been coordinating the transportation of critically needed personal protective equipment (PPE) across the country. Air Bridge is cutting down the time it takes for U.S. medical supply distributors to transport PPE and other vital supplies into the U.S. to deliver to health care professionals and other key professionals, including law enforcement.

Read more about Project Air Bridge and FEMA's supply chain efforts [here](#).

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

The CARES Act makes significant investments in the main elements of our public health response to the virus. It allocates more than \$100 billion in new funding for hospitals and healthcare providers, and \$27 billion in funding for vaccines, therapeutics, and personal protective equipment (PPE).

Here are the latest details about how these funds are being used.

Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund: On April 8, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced its plans for the \$100 billion provided by the CARES Act to directly support healthcare providers.

HHS will make its initial distribution of these payments to hospitals and healthcare providers across the nation based on how much relative revenue they receive from Medicare. HHS is endeavoring to keep this process simple, and they expect 500,000 providers will receive funding this week.

The next allocation of funds will prioritize those providers that do not typically serve the Medicare population or where Medicare is not a dominant payor, such as nursing homes and certain types of hospitals.

CDC State and Local Preparedness Grants: The CDC is working to distribute \$1.5 billion in state and local preparedness grants. When combined with the first supplemental, these add up to about \$2.5 billion in funding for state, tribal, territorial, and local needs.

Earlier this week, HHS distributed \$186 million in CDC funds from the first supplemental to assist with testing and disease monitoring/surveillance activities. There is a set-aside in the CDC's grant program for tribal health needs, and the CARES Act also includes more than \$1 billion for critical response needs in Indian country, including supplies, staffing, and increased telehealth capacity.

Read more about these grants and other COVID-19 funding efforts on the CDC's website.

Mental Health: Mental health is going to be a challenge during this pandemic. In recognition of this fact, the CARES Act provides \$250 million for Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics, \$50 million for suicide prevention, and \$100 million in flexible emergency funding that states and tribes can use to address mental health needs. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has now posted the funding opportunity announcement for that flexible emergency funding.

Read more about this mental health funding at the HRSA Health Center Program website.

Administration for Children & Families (ACF): The CARES Act gives \$6.3 billion in funding to HHS's Administration for Children and Families (ACF), which is working hard to turn those funds into useful local grants. The ACF's top goal for these grants is to help human service providers who are serving vulnerable youth, families, or older Americans, and are under financial strain. Their initial grants will support Head Start providers, and will strengthen funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Child Care and Development Block Grants, and Community Service Block Grants.

You can read the ACF's detailed summary of how it plans to spend its CARES Act funds on its website.

Administration for Community Living (ACL): The HHS's Administration for Community Living (ACL) also received \$955 million to support its aging and disability services programs, such as getting meals to seniors. HHS has already disbursed some new money from the earlier economic relief legislation.

You can read more about the ACL's programs to support communities and aging populations during the COVID-19 outbreak on its website.

U.S. Department of the Treasury

The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) was launched on April 3. The PPP provides forgivable loans to small businesses with under 500 employees. As of April 9, the PPP had distributed more than 454,000 loans, totaling \$118 billion across 3,500 lenders.

To ensure that every business is able to take advantage of the PPP, President Trump has asked Congress to raise its PPP commitments to \$600 billion—an increase of \$250 billion.

You can read more about the Paycheck Protection program [here](#). You can also see the application form for new PPP lenders.

The Employee Retention Credit is available for businesses who aren't eligible for the PPP. This is a refundable credit of up to \$5,000 per employee, who is retained instead of being laid off.

You can read more about the Employee Retention Credit program [here](#).

Economic Impact Payments: The Treasury Department expects that the electronic payment of \$2,400 per married couple, plus \$500 per child, will be made around April 15. They have banking information for some 60 million taxpayers, who will be a part of the first tranche of payments. Social Security

recipients who do not file tax returns will also automatically receive Economic Impact Payments.

The Treasury Department is establishing an online portal for those who are not a part of the first tranche, so they can provide their banking information and make sure that they receive their payment promptly. Treasury is also investigating ways to effectively get Economic Impact Payment funds into the hands of people who do not have bank accounts.

Coronavirus Relief Fund: State, eligible units of local government, and tribal governments will receive funds from the Coronavirus Relief Fund. Treasury expects that the \$150 billion provided to the Fund will be distributed no later than April 24.

The Treasury Department is developing an online portal where eligible governments can provide their information, which will allow the department to deposit their advance payments. This portal is expected to be online as early as April 11. Treasury is also developing guidance about reimbursable expenses, which they intend to complete and distribute before the funds are released.

Main Street Business Lending Program and Municipal Liquidity Facility: Treasury launched a Main Street Business Lending program and a Municipal Liquidity Facility to support the flow of credit to American workers, businesses, States, counties, and cities impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. The Municipal Liquidity Facility (MLF) will provide up to \$500 billion in direct financing to states, counties, and cities to help ensure they have the funds necessary to provide essential services to citizens and respond to the coronavirus pandemic. More here. MLF term sheet and guidance can be found here.

U.S. Department of Agriculture

Help for Farmers and Ranchers: The CARES Act provides \$9.5 billion in relief to farmers and ranchers, as well as agricultural producers who experience market losses due to COVID-19. The Department of Agriculture (USDA) is monitoring the food and agriculture commodity markets, as well as the supply chain of food from farm to table, during this COVID 19 outbreak. The USDA will provide more information regarding program delivery later this spring.

New Food Benefits: On April 9, the USDA announced that they had approved their first state, Michigan, to operate their Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) program, which was authorized by the Families First Coronavirus Act. The P-EBT is a supplemental food purchasing benefit for current SNAP participants, and it is a new EBT benefit for other eligible households to offset the cost of meals that would have otherwise been consumed at school.

You can read more about the USDA's resources and responses to COVID-19 [here](#). You can also read more about the P-EBT program [here](#).

Rural Economic Development: The CARES Act provides \$100 million for the ReConnect Loan and Grant Program. The USDA extended the open application window through April 15. They will use this new CARES Act funding to augment their grants to qualified applicants.

The CARES Act also provides \$1 billion for the Business and Industry Guaranteed Loan Program. The USDA will administer

the increase in program level concurrent with the traditional program. They expect to issue a Notice of Funding Availability announcing the increased program level in April or May.

Finally, the CARES Act provides \$25 million for the Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program. The USDA announced a new award window for FY2020 will open from April 14 - July 13.

Rural Economic Relief: The CARES Act provides foreclosure and eviction relief for rural renters and homeowners. As of March 19, the Rural Housing Service is providing 60-day relief from eviction and foreclosure to all USDA multi-family housing tenants and single-family home mortgage borrowers.

You can read more about USDA Rural Development's actions in response to COVID-19 [here](#).

Nutrition: The CARES Act provides \$15.5 billion in contingency funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). The USDA's Food and Nutrition Service intends to use all existing waivers and flexibilities to get these funds to their program participants and to help address their food needs. The CARES Act provides \$100 million for the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations program. The USDA's Food and Nutrition Service uses this money to distribute food and administrative funding to Indian Tribal Organizations and state agencies, who in turn help Native American families meet their nutritional needs.

The CARES Act provides \$8.8 billion for the Child Nutrition Programs. This is a collection of food assistance programs that helps children (and some adults) get the food they need. This new funding will support ongoing activities under the existing programs.

The CARES Act provides \$450 million for the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). This program supports the nutrition of vulnerable populations by giving food and administrative funds to food banks. This new funding will support ongoing activities under the existing program.

You can read more about the Food and Nutrition Service's actions in response to COVID-19 [here](#).

U.S. Department of Labor

On March 27, President Donald Trump signed into law the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). This law created three new programs that provide unemployment benefits to American workers:

- **Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC):** The FPUC program lets states provide an additional \$600 per week in benefits to individuals collecting regular unemployment compensation or certain other benefits. The CARES Act specifies that FPUC benefit payments will end after payments for the last week of unemployment before July 31.
- **Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA):** States are permitted to provide Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) to individuals who are self-employed, seeking part-time employment, or who otherwise would not qualify for regular unemployment compensation. To qualify for PUA benefits, you must not be eligible for regular unemployment benefits and be unemployed,

partially unemployed, or unable or unavailable to work because of certain health or economic consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic.

- **Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC):** The program extends unemployment benefits to most individuals who have exhausted their rights to regular unemployment compensation under state or federal law and who are able to work, are available for work, and are actively seeking work as defined by state law. Importantly, the CARES Act gives states flexibility in determining whether you are "actively seeking work" if you are unable to search for work because of COVID-19, including because of illness, quarantine, or movement restrictions.

These three programs are administered by each state's workforce agency or equivalent. Depending on certain factors, such as the state's technology infrastructure, a state may vary in the implementation and timing of its first benefit payments to eligible individuals. Benefits are retroactive to dates as specified in guidance from the Department.

You can read the Department of Labor's guidance on these programs [here](#).

For more information on unemployment compensation, and links to your State Unemployment Insurance Office, please click [here](#).

U.S. Department of Education

Elementary and Secondary Education: The CARES Act includes \$13.2 billion in K-12 formula grants to the states (the Economic Stabilization Fund). This grant is distributed to states based on their share of ESEA Title I-A funds. State education agencies will then distribute at least 90% of funds to school districts and public charter schools based on their share of Title I-A funds.

Under the CARES Act, the U.S. Department of Education has streamlined the waiver application process for states to gain flexibilities. This allows schools to repurpose existing K-12 education funds for technology infrastructure and teacher training on remote education. It also acts as one of the department's flexibilities that let it move resources to areas where they are needed most during this COVID-19 outbreak. This action follows the Department's announcement of a turnkey waiver process allowing states to cancel federally-mandated standardized testing. The Department has approved waivers for all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Post-Secondary Education: The CARES Act includes \$12.2 billion for the Higher Education Emergency Relief fund to help institutions of higher education weather the costs associated with COVID-19. Funds will be available through September 30, 2021. You can read more about this [here](#).

The Department has also provided additional flexibilities and regulatory relief for institutions of higher education, their students, and others effective through June 30, including waiving requirements relating to academic terms, approved leaves of absence, distance education, and student aid verification. Additional flexibilities provided under the CARES Act will expire on September 30.

The Department also announced that any aid provided to students in the form of Emergency Grants to Students under the CARES Act will not be included in future determinations of a

student's eligibility for Federal Student Aid programs. In addition, institutions do not need to make adjustments to a student's current financial aid award, even if these emergency grants result in an over-award.

The Department of Education has established a dedicated coronavirus webpage, which includes resources for institutions of higher education and for K-12.

U.S. Department of Commerce

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) will distribute \$300 million in fisheries assistance to states, tribes, and territories in coordination with Interstate Marine Fishery Commissions. These funds will support commercial fishing, charter fishing, dealers, processors, aquaculture, and tribal as well as subsistence sectors that have been directly or indirectly negatively impacted by COVID-19.

NOAA Fisheries is collecting information from fishermen, seafood farmers, and other seafood processing/distribution companies, as well as from the recreational fishing sector, on disruptions to supply and demand resulting from COVID-19. NOAA is assessing immediate and long term needs to secure and enhance the resilience of the US seafood and fisheries industries. For more on CARES and other NOAA COVID-19 related activities, visit [here](#).

The Economic Development Administration (EDA) received \$1.5 billion to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus. EDA will provide grants to communities impacted by the coronavirus pandemic with immediate and long-term economic recovery assistance. EDA grants will support a wide range of

economic planning and technical assistance, innovation, capitalization and recapitalization of Revolving Loan Funds (RLF), and construction and non-construction assistance across the nation. The majority of the funding will be distributed out of EDA's six regional offices, which are responsible for reviewing the eligibility and merit of applications through a competitive process. For more information on EDA and Disaster Recovery, visit [here](#).

The Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) will utilize \$10 million to educate, train, and advise minority business enterprises concerning the impact of and recovery from the COVID-19. These grants are available to minority business centers and minority chambers of commerce. For more information on MBDA and Disaster Recovery, visit [here](#).

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has released a series of FAQs for patent and trademark filers regarding USPTO's previously announced extension of certain patent and trademark-related timing deadlines under the CARES Act. For more information, click [here](#).

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

The CARES Act includes over \$12 billion in new funding for HUD programs to provide additional funding to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19).

Here is how HUD plans to make its primary allocations of this new funding.

Community Development Block Grants (CDBG): The CARES Act provides \$5 billion to enable nearly 1,240 states, counties, and cities to rapidly respond to COVID-19 and the economic and housing impacts caused by it, including the expansion of community health facilities, childcare centers, food banks, and senior services. For more information, [click here](#).

Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG): The CARES Act provides \$4 billion to address the impact of COVID-19 among individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, and to support additional homeless assistance, prevention, and eviction prevention assistance. For more information on homelessness assistance programs, [click here](#).

Tenant-Based Rental Assistance: The CARES Act provides \$1.25 billion for additional funds for PHAs to maintain normal operations and take other necessary action during the period that the program is impacted by COVID-19, in addition to administrative expenses and other expenses for Section 8 programs, including Mainstream vouchers. For more information, [click here](#).

Public Housing Operating Fund: \$685 million for PHAs to maintain normal operations and take other necessary actions during the period that the program is impacted by COVID-19; funds are to be combined with FY20 funds and awarded using the Operating Fund formula and may be used for both capital and operating expenses.

Native American Programs: \$200 million for activities and assistance under title I of NAHASDA and under title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, including Native American Housing Block Grants, to be distributed using the FY20 formula. For more information, [click here](#).

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPSA):

The CARES Act provides \$65 million for additional HOPWA funds to maintain operations and for rental assistance, supportive services and other necessary actions. For more information, [click here](#).

The CARES Act also includes the following general provisions that affect HUD and HUD programs:

- Rescinds and appropriates funds for a youth homelessness demonstration under the "Homeless Assistance Grants" demonstration in the FY18 appropriations act.
- Allows for temporary hiring flexibility for HUD to prevent, prepare for, or respond to COVID-19.
- Provides a foreclosure moratorium for borrowers with federally backed mortgages who are experiencing financial hardships due to COVID-19.
- Provides the opportunity for multi-family borrowers with federally backed mortgages experiencing financial hardship to request a forbearance.
- Enables a temporary moratorium on eviction filings.

U.S. Department of Justice

The CARES Act provides assistance to state and local law enforcement to assist in preparing for and responding to COVID-19. Specifically, the Act includes \$850 million for the Byrne-Justice Assistance Grant Program (Byrne-JAG).

The JAG Program provides states, tribes, and local governments with critical funding necessary to support a range of program areas including law enforcement, prosecution, indigent defense, courts, crime prevention and education, corrections and community corrections, drug treatment and enforcement, planning, evaluation, technology improvement, and crime victim and witness initiatives and mental health programs and related law enforcement and corrections programs, including behavioral programs and crisis intervention teams. [More here.](#)

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Volunteer with Loudoun Cares

It's always a good time to think about volunteering. Check out volunteer opportunities with [Loudoun Cares Volunteer Center](#). The Volunteer Center is the one-stop resource connecting nonprofit organizations in Loudoun County to individuals in the community looking for a place to volunteer their time and resources.

Let Your Friends in on the Latest!

Do you have a friend or a neighbor who would benefit from the information in this newsletter? Then, forward this on!

My office is working to ensure as many Catocin residents as possible are being informed about important issues - whether those are public hearing notices, road closure announcements, inclement weather advisories, or other updates on issues of importance to the district and to the county.

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Sincerely,

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