



**DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE**  
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**Loudoun Establishes Rental Assistance Program in Response to COVID-19**

The Loudoun County government has established a limited rental assistance program for Loudoun County households economically impacted by COVID-19.

The Board of Supervisors has approved re-allocating \$200,000 from the Eastern Loudoun County Home Revitalization Program to create the rental assistance program. The goal is to help ensure housing stability for low-income workers who have been furloughed, lost jobs or had work hours reduced due to the pandemic.



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

## Personal Protective Equipment



- > Make a donation
- > Make a request

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

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](https://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](https://loudoun.gov/ppe).

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## Health Care Options for the Under and Uninsured

For those who are uninsured or are not regularly under the care of a primary physician, there are a few locations around the County that are able to assist with screening, testing, and care:

**Inova Primary Care** [855-464-3627](tel:855-464-3627)

**Inova Urgent Care Dulles South in Chantilly** [703-722-2500](tel:703-722-2500) (no insurance at all)

**Loudoun Medical Group in Leesburg** [571-707-2985](tel:571-707-2985)



Loudoun Medical Group in Sterling [703-450-1125](tel:703-450-1125)

***For the safety of our front-line health care workers, it remains important that residents do not go directly to the emergency room if they are experiencing COVID-related symptoms or believe themselves to be infected.***

The numbers listed above are good starting points for those who need to get in touch with health professionals who can do the proper screening via telephone prior to making an appointment for testing.

For additional information, the County's site [loudoun.gov/coronavirus](http://loudoun.gov/coronavirus)—which includes more information about COVID-19, including a list of FAQs—and the **Loudoun County Health Department Hotline** (703-737-8300) are great resources.

## Loudoun Domestic Abuse Response Team Reaches Out to Help During COVID-19



Avoiding public spaces and working remotely can help reduce the spread of COVID-19, but for many survivors, staying home may not be the safest option.

Loudoun County domestic and sexual violence service providers want residents to know:

- The DART team is still at work to protect survivors.
- Everyone deserves to feel safe in their homes and live a life free of violence.

The DART team includes advocates, service providers, law enforcement, and legal professionals, who mobilize to support survivors' needs. The team has developed a [video](#) and [webpage](#) to highlight available resources.

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## Face Covering Do's and Don'ts

Headed out for groceries or medicine? Here are the do's and don'ts of wearing cloth face coverings.

Wearing a cloth face covering **CORRECTLY** can help prevent the spread of COVID-19 to others. When you go out on essential trips, follow these "do's".

\*\*If you have a child, remember those under age 2 should not wear a face covering. \*\*

[Read more](#)

### Face Covering Do's and Don'ts:

#### DO:



- ✓ Make sure you can breathe through it
- ✓ Wear it whenever going out in public
- ✓ Make sure it covers your nose and mouth
- ✓ Wash after using

#### DON'T:

- ✗ Use on children under age 2
- ✗ Use surgical masks or other personal protective equipment (PPE) intended for healthcare workers



[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus)

## Loudoun Officials Address Concerns about Animals and COVID-19



Loudoun County officials are offering advice to residents concerning interactions with animals during the COVID-19 pandemic. While there is no evidence that pets or livestock can transmit the virus to people, researchers are investigating whether animals can contract the virus from humans.

Basic hygiene and distancing measures are recommended to keep everyone safe:

- Wash your hands before and after handling pets, even your own.
- Avoid sneezing or coughing on your pet.

- Keep your distance from other people's pets and animals. Don't allow people outside of your household to pet your animals. Don't touch animals that are not your own.
- Always avoid interacting with or feeding wild animals.

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## Coronavirus Rumor Control

As the United States Department of Defense assists in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, it's also important to help distinguish between rumors and facts.



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Rumors can easily circulate within communities during a crisis, and we can stop the spread of disinformation by always choosing trusted sources of information such as:

- [www.coronavirus.gov](http://www.coronavirus.gov)
- [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)
- [www.usa.gov/coronavirus](http://www.usa.gov/coronavirus)
- [www.defense.gov/coronavirus](http://www.defense.gov/coronavirus)

State and local government official websites or social media accounts are also good sources for instruction and information specific to your community. Check out the myth-busting section below to separate fact from fiction.

[Read More about Myths vs Facts](#)

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## Federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Program



The Virginia Employment Commission (VEC) recently released a “how to file your initial unemployment claim” [video](#).

The Federal Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Program, which will launch this week, boosts weekly payment by \$600 to those who have filed. This will provide assistance to those who did not previously qualify including gig workers, temporary workers and self-employed. Governor Northam said the Commonwealth has 75,000 workers who were previously denied unemployment assistance, many of which had the types of jobs that fit under this program.

The VEC will be reaching out to these workers and will update its application website in the next week so it can collect additional information to process claims. The VEC is hiring additional staff, a private call center, and updating claims website.

[Find Out More](#)

## Fire & Rescue: Important Spring Cleaning Safety Tips

As warmer weather approaches and many of us are social distancing at home, it's a perfect opportunity to tackle spring cleaning and projects around the house. As you clean, please remember some important safety recommendations from Loudoun County Fire and Rescue.

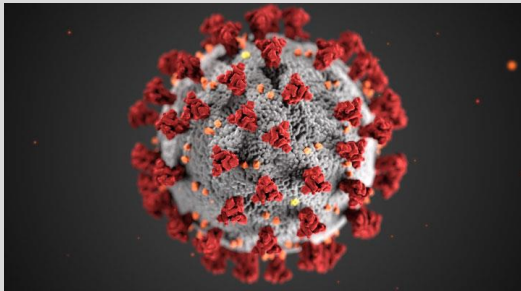


For an electronic and mobile friendly spring cleaning safety checklist visit [SafeWise](#). Get additional fire prevention and life safety information by calling the Loudoun County Fire Marshal's Office at [703-737-8600](tel:703-737-8600) or visiting [loudoun.gov/firemarshal](http://loudoun.gov/firemarshal).

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## 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](http://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.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Stay home when you are sick.

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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](http://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](mailto:health@loudoun.gov).

- Avoid contact with sick people.
- Avoid non-essential travel.

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