



DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE
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Updates from the Office of Governor Ralph Northam



[Governor Northam Announces Expansion of 'Virtual Virginia' to Support Distance Learning During School Closures](#)

- New resources available for K-12 schools and teachers

[Governor Northam, University of Virginia Biocomplexity Institute, RAND Corporation Present Infectious Disease Modeling on Impact of COVID-19 Mitigations in Virginia](#)

- Modeling suggests social distancing efforts have slowed the spread of the virus in the Commonwealth

Loudoun County Opens Second Drop-Off Location for Donations of Personal Protective Equipment

Loudoun County is opening a second location for drop-off donations of personal protective equipment (PPE) for distribution to Loudoun-based health care providers and facilities in need.

The second location is the Dulles South Recreation and Community Center (24950 Riding Center Drive, South Riding, VA) which will operate Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., beginning Wednesday, April 15, 2020.

This is in addition to the Leesburg drop-off location at 751 Miller Drive, which operates Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Personal Protective Equipment



> [Donate or request equipment
loudoun.gov/PPE](https://loudoun.gov/PPE)

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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LCSO Announces Prescription Pick-Up & Delivery Service for Residents Vulnerable to Coronavirus

Loudoun County Sheriff Mike Chapman announced today a prescription pick-up and delivery assistance program for the county's senior residents and those who are more vulnerable to Coronavirus (COVID-19).

To participate residents must contact the LCSO at 703-777-1021 to request this service.

Residents may call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Deliveries will be made during normal business hours.

The service will be provided through the duration of Virginia Governor Ralph Northam's Executive Order which is effective until 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, June 10, 2020.

[Find Out More](#)



Taking Care of Your Behavioral Health: Tips for an Outbreak

SAMHSA

Substance Abuse and Mental Health
Services Administration

The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has created a tip sheet that describes feelings and thoughts you may have during and after social distancing, quarantine, and isolation.

It also suggests ways to care for your behavioral health during these experiences and provides resources for more help.

- Toll-Free: [1-877-SAMHSA-7 \(1-877-726-4727\)](tel:1-877-SAMHSA-7)
- Info@samhsa.hhs.gov
- <http://store.samhsa.gov>

[Read More](#)

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—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.

Expanded Coverage for Essential Diagnostic Services Amid COVID-19 Public Health Emergency



The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), together with the Departments of Labor and the Treasury, issued guidance to ensure Americans with private health insurance have coverage of COVID-19 diagnostic testing and certain other related services, including antibody testing, at no cost.

The announcement implements the requirement for group health plans and group and individual health insurance to cover both diagnostic testing and certain related items and services provided during a medical visit with no cost sharing. This includes urgent care visits, emergency room visits, and in-person or telehealth visits to the doctor's office that result in an order for or administration of a COVID-19 test.

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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](#)

Face Covering Do's and Don'ts

An infographic titled "Face Covering Do's and Don'ts" with a background image of a red and white polka-dot cloth face mask. The infographic is divided into two main sections: "DO:" and "DON'T:". The "DO:" section includes three icons of people wearing different types of face coverings (a red polka-dot cloth mask, a pink cloth mask, and a blue surgical mask) and four bullet points with green checkmarks. The "DON'T:" section includes two bullet points with red X marks. At the bottom left is the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry logo, and at the bottom right is the URL "cdc.gov/coronavirus".

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

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](#)

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:



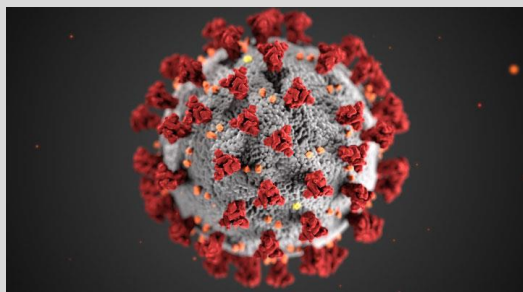
- The DART team is still at work to protect survivors.
- Everyone deserves to feel safe in their homes and live a life free of violence.

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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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.



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

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.

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