



DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE
~APRIL 24, 2020~

Updates from the Office of Governor Ralph Northam



Governor Northam Signs Executive Order Giving Flexibility to Medicaid Providers

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Governor Northam Taps Broad Group of Leaders for COVID-19 Business Task Force

[Read the Full Press Release](#)

Loudoun Economic Development Authority Adds \$250,000 to COVID-19 Business Interruption Fund

Yesterday afternoon, the Loudoun Economic Development Authority unanimously approved an additional \$250,000 in grant funding to Loudoun County's COVID-19 Business Interruption Fund.



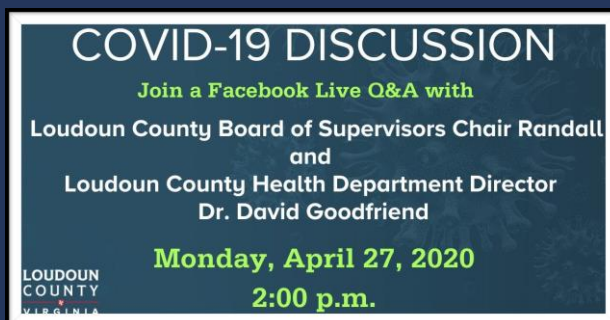
The Economic Development Authority apportioned an additional \$105,000 for businesses with 3-50 employees, \$110,000 for businesses with 51-100 employees, and \$35,000 for agriculture-based businesses.

With the additional funding, a total of \$1.4 million can be dispersed to 177 randomly selected small businesses that apply between April 29 and May 2, 2020, at LoudounBusinessFund.org.

Find out more on the Business Interruption Fund in the post further below.

[Read More about the Added Funding](#)

Live COVID-19 Q&A with Chair Randall & Dr. David Goodfriend, Director of Loudoun County Health Department



Join Loudoun County Board of Supervisors Chair Phyllis J. Randall and Loudoun County Health Department Director Dr. David Goodfriend for a Facebook Live Question and Answer Session on **Monday, April 27, 2020 at 2:00 pm.**

Learn about the COVID-19 response in Loudoun County and ask your questions.

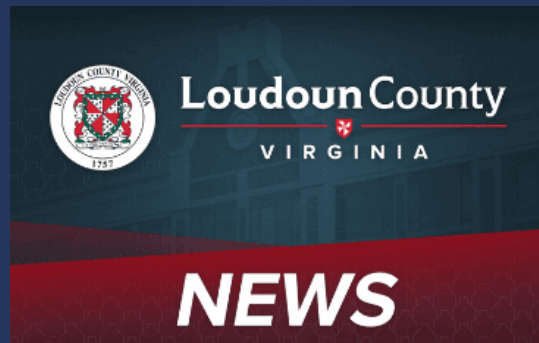
[Link to the Event Page](#)

Loudoun County Announces \$1.15M COVID-19 Business Interruption Fund

On Tuesday evening, the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved \$1.15 million in grant funding for the COVID-19 Business Interruption Fund to support Loudoun businesses throughout Loudoun impacted by the coronavirus outbreak.

The fund will open for applications on April 29 and close on May 2, but ***businesses are encouraged to test their ability to submit in advance.***

For eligibility requirements and the application form, please visit LoudounBusinessFund.org.



County to Accept Monetary Donations for Purchase of Personal Protective Equipment for Local Needs

Personal Protective Equipment



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

Loudoun County is facilitating the purchase of personal protective equipment (PPE) for distribution to Loudoun-based health care providers and facilities in need as part of the ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition to accepting donations of PPE, the county is now accepting monetary donations that will be

used by the county to purchase bulk PPE items that can be made available to organizations in need of equipment.

Anyone who would like to donate financially may do so [online](#) or by mail via checks with "COVID-19 Donations" noted in the memo line to:

Loudoun County Treasurer's Office
COVID-19 Donations
PO Box 347
Leesburg, VA 20178

[Find Out More](#)

Loudoun County Launches Spanish-Language Text Messages on COVID-19

The county is launching the new service to provide an additional, easy-to-use way for members of our community who have Spanish as their primary language to receive information.

Regular text messages published by Loudoun County will provide information about COVID-19 prevention and treatment, county programs and services to assist residents during the pandemic, key news updates and other timely and educational messages.

To opt in for this service, text *LCCOVIDESP* to **888777**.

[Learn More](#)



The graphic features the Loudoun County Virginia logo at the top. Below it, the text reads: "Regístrese para recibir actualizaciones por texto en español". To the right is an illustration of a hand holding a smartphone displaying a text message. Below the illustration, the text says: "Envíe un mensaje de texto con **LCCOVIDESP** al **888777** para actualizaciones diarias relacionadas con el coronavirus (COVID-19) en el condado de Loudoun." At the bottom, it says: "Visite **loudoun.gov/COVIDespanol** para más actualizaciones en español."

Assistance with Food and Basic Needs



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For Assistance with Basic Needs:

Contact Loudoun County Information and Referral (I&R) program at **703-777-0420** Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 5:00 pm to get connected to health and human services information and resources in Loudoun County.

Critical services include:

- Child Care Assistance; Employment Services; Food Resources; Legal Services;
- Health and Dental Care; Housing and Homeless Services; Public Benefits
- Health, Substance Abuse and Developmental Services; Older Adult Services; Utility Assistance

For Assistance with Food:

Loudoun Hunger Relief: Call (703)-777-5911 or visit online at: loudounhunger.org/receive-services


Dulles South Food Pantry: Call (703)-507-2795 or visit online at: dsfp.org/need-assistance

Tree of Life Center: Call (540)-441-7920 or visit online at: tolministries.org

LINK Against Hunger: Call (703)-437-1776 or visit: linkagainsthunger.org

Mental Health, Wellness and Community Resources for Families

LCPS shares a website that puts many family resources in a single, easy-to-find location.



Mental Health, Wellness and Community Resources for Families

The website was created by the LCPS Pupil Services Department and emphasizes local resources. This is especially helpful right now as families in our community experience challenges during the pandemic.

The Website Addresses:

- Community resources;
- Access to basic needs;
- Mental health and crisis counseling;
- Stress and anxiety;
- Substance abuse resources;
- Resources to support learning; and
- Telemental health resources.

[Access These Resources](#)

Sponsor a School Supply Kit



The Loudoun Education Foundation (LEF) is raising funds for school supply kits for Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS) students in need.

The goal of this effort is to supply all students in LCPS Title I schools with a school supply kit. (Title I schools are those with 50 percent or more of their students eligible for free

or reduced-price meals.)

Other LCPS students in need also will receive school supply kits by mail.

The supply kits are designed to help students complete their assignments during the COVID-19 school closure.

If you have questions, you may [email LEF Executive Director Dawn Meyer](#).

[Find Out More and Donate](#)

Facebook Small Business Grants Program

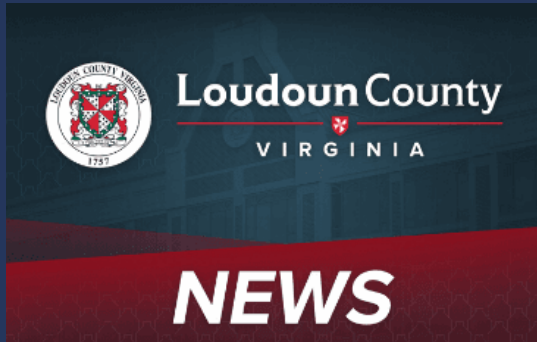
Many businesses have experienced disruptions and closures during the COVID-19 crisis, and Facebook is offering \$100M in cash grants and ad credits to 30,000 businesses to help during this challenging time.

The program can help with keeping your workforce going strong, your rent costs, connecting with more customers, and covering operational expenses.



[Find Out More and View the Application Guide](#)

Board Approves \$1 Million Nonprofit Human Service Grant Funding Awards for FY 2021



The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors approved annual awards for funding to community nonprofit organizations during its meeting on April 21, 2020.

Funding opportunities were made available to tax-exempt, private, nonprofit 501(c)3 organizations that provide human services to Loudoun

County residents in the areas of need identified and approved by the Board of Supervisors for Fiscal Year 2021 (FY 2021), which begins July 1, 2020.

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Beyond COVID-19: NOVA Business Resiliency Webinars

In light of the current global pandemic, the Northern Virginia Economic Development Alliance (NOVA EDA) is taking action. NoVA EDA has announced the launch of a *three-part, 12 session webinar series*: "[Beyond COVID-19: NOVA Business Resiliency Webinars](#)."

Created for NOVA businesses to ensure they have the latest and best possible information from a variety of experts, these webinars will focus on how to keep moving forward during and after the current global pandemic.



It will convene experts spanning issues such as government financing, staffing, technology readiness, healthy workplaces, new business and revenue models, customer retention, and more.

[Learn More](#)

Mental Health & Substance Abuse Resources



Mental Health Resources

Natural disasters – including pandemics such as the coronavirus outbreak – can be overwhelming and also can seriously affect emotional health.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration's (SAMHSA) Disaster Distress Helpline – [1-800-985-5990](tel:1-800-985-5990) (or text *TalkWithUs* to [66746](tel:66746)) – provides 24/7, 365-day-a-year crisis counseling

and support to anyone who is seeking help in coping with the mental or emotional effects caused by developments related to the coronavirus pandemic.

[Learn more about the Disaster Distress Helpline](#)

Addiction & Substance Abuse Resources

The COVID-19 pandemic has created countless challenges for those delivering care to our most vulnerable populations. People with Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) are especially at high risk suffering complications from COVID-19.

The White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), which leads and coordinates the development, implementation, and assessment of U.S. drug policy, released a [fact sheet](#) that contains information on Federal actions to expand telemedicine and e-prescribing, to increase flexibility for treatment with methadone and buprenorphine, to improve access to prescribed controlled substances, and more.

Supporting Businesses

In addition to their ongoing support of commerce and displace workers in the Loudoun Economy through their [COVID-19 website](#), Loudoun Economic Development has joined forces with [Visit Loudoun](#) and the [Loudoun Chamber of Commerce](#) with an important call to action for consumers: [Take Loudoun Home](#).



By visiting [TakeLoudounHome.org](#), consumers can search interactive maps of participating businesses, take virtual tours, read inspiring business stories, and shop from the new Loudoun Made, Loudoun Grown Marketplace. Read their blog for their list of:

- Local businesses that are offering [educational craft and activities](#) like craft kits to-go, creative online art classes, games and other activities;
- [Local gyms and studios](#) offering free in-home workouts, plus a few gyms offering special discounts to new members;
- Local [farms and markets](#);
- [Breweries that are currently offering delivery](#), with some fun delivery options; and
- [Loudoun wineries](#) offering virtual experiences from different wineries in the region.

Loudoun County Creates Residential Traffic Management Guide



loudoun.gov/TrafficManagement

Loudoun County has created a Residential Traffic Management Guide, providing information about county programs to address community concerns relating to vehicular speed and safety on publicly-maintained roadways in residential areas.

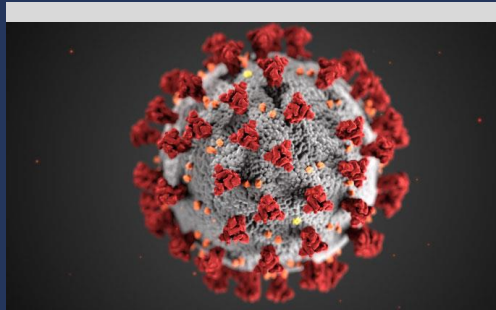
For each program, the county applies a step-by-step process as outlined in the Residential Traffic Management Guide, which complies with Virginia Department of Transportation guidance and

requirements. Each process includes problem recognition, identification of potential improvements and inclusive participation with residents and partner agencies.

[Read More](#)

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

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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.
- Envíe un mensaje de texto con **LCCOVIDESP** al **888777** para actualizaciones diaras relacionadas con el coronavirus (COVID-19) en el condado de Loudoun.

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.

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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