



DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE
~APRIL 27, 2020~

Updates from the Office of Governor Ralph Northam



Governor Northam Unveils Blueprint for Easing Public Health Restrictions

[Read the Full Press Release](#)

Governor Northam Postpones Upcoming May Elections in Response to COVID-19

- The Governor also moved the June primary elections from June 9, 2020 to June 23, 2020.

[Read the Full Press Release](#)

Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act

On April 24, the [Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act](#) was signed to replenish the Small Business Administration's small business loan program while also providing crucial support for America's front line medical workers.

The act provides \$320 billion in additional funding for the Paycheck Protection Program, along with \$75 billion for hospitals and healthcare providers to fight coronavirus and \$25 billion for ongoing testing across the country.

The [Paycheck Protection Program](#) processed nearly \$350 billion in loans to 1.6 million small businesses from funding provided in the CARES Act. More than 4,900 lending institutions participated in making these SBA-backed loans.



[Find Out More](#)

Have You Been Counted?

Loudoun is 68.8% Counted!

HAVE YOU BEEN COUNTED?



- 1 Visit 2020census.gov
- 2 Select your language at the bottom
- 3 Click "Start Questionnaire"
- 4 Enter your 12-digit Census ID or address
- 5 Complete the form for you & everyone living in your home

Also available to complete by phone 1-844-330-2020 or paper form received in the mail.

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Loudoun is ranked 3rd statewide in Census response and 68.8% of Loudoun households have responded.

Every response makes a difference, so let's lead the way in making Everyone Count – share this post, call a neighbor to help

them with the online or paper form, or take 10 minutes to make sure you count at 2020Census.gov or by phone at [1-844-330-2020](tel:1-844-330-2020).

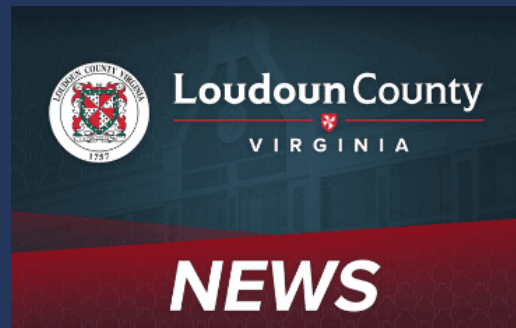
[View Response Data](#)

COVID-19 Update for Housing

The Loudoun County Office of Housing has compiled resources for homeowners, renters, and landlords who might be facing financial challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Visit the [housing website](#) for tenant tips, foreclosure prevention resources, and relief programs.

If you are facing housing instability or homelessness, call [703-777-0420](tel:703-777-0420), Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



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.

[Read More about the Added Funding](#)

College Board Advance Placement Exam Updates

This year, students who registered to take Advanced Placement exams will take their AP exams online at home. AP exams will be given from May 11 through May 22 and will be 45 minutes in length.

This year's exams will cover the content and skills learned through early March.

There are many resources available to help students and parents/guardians prepare for this year's AP exams.

Visit [the LCPS Gifted and Talented web page](#) and click on Advanced Placement Updates 2020 for more information.



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

Personal Protective Equipment



> **Donate or request equipment**
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](#)

FDA Authorizes First Test for Patient At-Home Sample Collection

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration authorized the first diagnostic test with a home collection option for COVID-19. Specifically, the FDA re-issued the emergency use authorization (EUA) for the Laboratory Corporation of America (LabCorp) COVID-19 RT-PCR Test to permit testing of samples self-collected by patients at home using LabCorp's Pixel by LabCorp COVID-19 Test home collection kit.



This authorization only applies to the LabCorp COVID-19 RT-PCR Test for at-home collection of nasal swab specimens using the Pixel by LabCorp COVID-19 home collection kit. It is important to note that this is not a general authorization for at-home collection of patient samples using other collection swabs, media, or tests, or for tests fully conducted at home.

[Read More](#)

Metrorail Service Updates



Making the most of historically low ridership and traffic-free highways, Metro today [announced](#) plans to combine the schedules of its two biggest capital priorities in Virginia: rebuilding platforms and connecting the Silver Line to Metro's existing network.

Metro will continue to operate a significantly reduced bus service maintaining a core network of 27 "lifeline" bus routes for the region's essential travel needs. Click [here](#) for COVID-19 service information.

Effective April 16, Metro requests that all customers follow CDC guidance by wearing a cloth face covering while traveling aboard all buses, trains, and MetroAccess vehicles, as well as in rail stations, bus terminals and other transit facilities.

[Read Guidance Here](#)

Assistance with Food and Basic Needs

For Assistance with Basic Needs:

Contact Loudoun County Information and Referral (I&R) program at [703-777-0420](tel: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



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

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](#)

LCSO Prescription Delivery Service



Did you know the LCSO is offering a prescription pick-up and delivery assistance program for the county's senior residents and those who are more vulnerable to Coronavirus (COVID-19)?

Loudoun Sheriff Mike Chapman announced earlier this month that members of the LCSO, in coordination with the resident, or their family, as well as local pharmacies, will pick-up prescription medications from Loudoun pharmacies and deliver the items to private

residences in the county.

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.

[More Information](#)

Protecting Animals from COVID-19

The [CDC announced the first confirmed cases of COVID-19 in two pet cats in New York state](#). Public health officials are still learning about COVID-19, but there is no evidence that pets play a role in spreading the virus in the United States.

Practice basic hygiene and distancing measures with pets and livestock and make plans for your pet if you become sick.

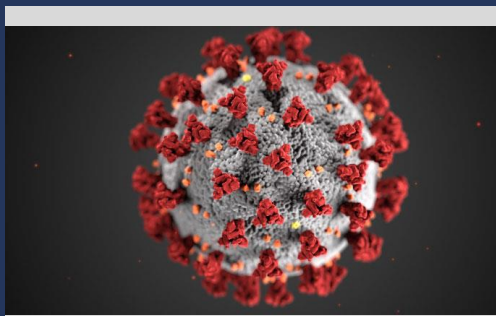
If you have additional questions about COVID-19 and animals, call Animal Services at [703-777-0406](tel:703-777-0406), or [email](#).



[Get the Full Details](#)

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

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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