



DAILY COVID-19 UPDATE
~MAY 1, 2020~

COVID-19 Housing Resources



Today is the first of the month and for many, rental payments are due. 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.

Don't Put Off Urgent Medical Care

Determining when to go to the hospital or seek medical care can be a challenge, particularly during the COVID-19 pandemic. You may find yourself afraid to go, even when it's necessary. If you need emergency care, don't delay.

Now more than ever, it is important to keep yourself healthy. Keeping yourself healthy means addressing health problems as they arise. Getting urgent help when needed is especially important for strokes, heart attacks and life-threatening emergencies. Outcomes for these medical emergencies are tied to how quickly the patient receives care, so delaying getting treatment due to coronavirus fears can have serious consequences.

It has been reported that COVID-19 has caused strokes in younger people having mild coronavirus symptoms. See the attached photo to [know the signs of stroke](#).

[Learn More about the Emergency Warning Signs of Coronavirus](#)

Know the Signs of STROKE

B.E. F.A.S.T.

- B**alance — Is there a sudden loss of balance?
- E**yes — Is there a sudden loss of vision in one or both eyes?
- F**ace — Does the person's face look uneven?
- A**rms — Is one arm hanging down? Can the person can raise both arms?
- S**peech — Is speech slurred? Does the person have trouble speaking or seem confused?
- T**ime — Call 911 now!

If someone is experiencing any of these symptoms, call 911.

inova.org/stroke

Free Coronavirus Testing



The [ACHN](#) clinic provides free primary care for people who do not have insurance and are low income.

ACHN will start drive through COVID-19 testing every Saturday, beginning this Saturday, May 2nd from 2:00-3:00 pm at 44121 Harry Byrd Hwy, Ashburn VA 20147.

Patients can call [\(703\) 542-3366](tel:7035423366) or email contact@achnhealth.org to schedule a test.

ACHN will need to confirm that patients do not have health insurance and are low-income.

Food Finding Tips from LCPL

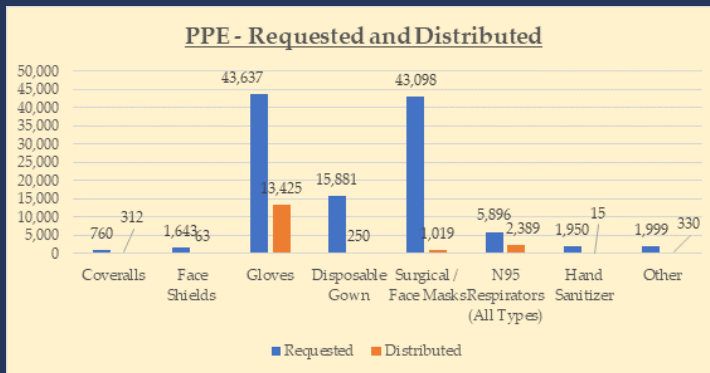
Finding food for your family here in Loudoun County might seem like a challenge during the coronavirus outbreak – but it doesn't have to!

Loudoun County Public Library is sharing their top tips for securing food assistance, ordering online groceries, and buying locally farmed eggs, meat, produce and dairy with Susan VanEpps, head of programming and community engagement for Loudoun County Public Library.



[Watch the Full Video](#)

Protective Personal Equipment Donations



As part of the ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Loudoun County is receiving donations of personal protective equipment (PPE) and monetary donations toward the purchase of PPE and distributing the supplies to

Loudoun-based health care providers and facilities in need.

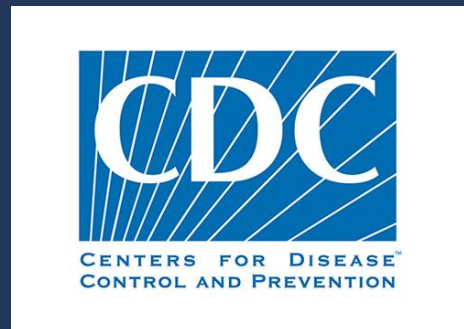
Donated PPE supplies must be ***unopened***. The county is not able to accept homemade equipment, such as home-sewn masks. If you would like to make a monetary donation, you may do so online. Funds collected will not be distributed to other organizations, but will be used by the county to purchase bulk PPE items that can be made available to organizations in need of equipment. Donations are tax deductible.

Visit loudoun.gov/ppe for details.

Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Public Spaces, Workplaces, Businesses, Schools, and Homes

The CDC has issued guidance for cleaning and disinfecting public spaces, workplaces, businesses, schools and homes.

Reopening America requires all of us to move forward together by practicing social distancing and other daily habits to reduce our risk of exposure to the virus that causes COVID-19.



Reopening the country also strongly relies on public health strategies, including increased testing of people for the virus, social distancing, isolation, and keeping track of how someone infected might have infected other people. This guidance is part of the larger [United States Government plan](#).

[Learn More](#)

Unemployment Updates



The Virginia Employment Commission announced that initial unemployment insurance claims remained very high for the week ending April 25. The rate of new claims continues to decline from the peak, while the number of continued claims rose to 14,809.

There have been 24,851 initial claims in Loudoun County over the last 6 weeks reported, according to figures released on April 30.

Retail, accommodations, food services and health care have been hit hardest, but the impact is being felt across many industries. Industry-specific data is not

available at the County level, but the VEC news release includes data showing the number of layoffs by occupation for the Northern Virginia Local Workforce Development Area that indicate many industries are having layoffs.

The VEC's [WARN notices page](#) has details about the layoffs that have been reported to the Virginia Workforce Network's Rapid Response program.

[Learn More](#)

Business Interruption Fund Applications Are Now Open

Loudoun County's COVID-19 Business Interruption Fund is currently open for applications and will remain open until noon on May 2, 2020.



This fund is to support Loudoun businesses impacted by the coronavirus outbreak. All submissions will be accepted based on the time stamp, verified by county employees, and placed into a pool, where businesses will be randomly selected until the funding has expired.

[For Details and How to Apply](#)

Northern Virginia Virtual Job Fair



Virginia Career Works – Northern Region, in partnership with Fairfax County Government and Loudoun County Government, is excited to announce a Virtual Job Fair on May 6th beginning at 10:00 am!

The fair will focus especially on Healthcare positions, with some additional opportunities for essential jobs such as transportation, retail, and facilities services.

[For More Information and How to Register](#)

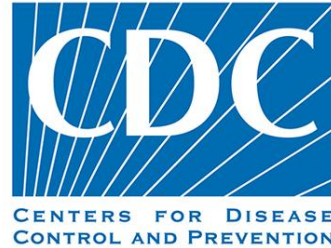
Updated List of COVID-19 Symptoms

The CDC has updated the list of COVID-19 symptoms to include six additional symptoms that are possibly associated with the disease.

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported, ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness.

These symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus: fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, and/or new loss of taste or smell.

[Learn more about the symptoms of COVID-19 and how to care for yourself or others](#)



Updates from Inova



Key Statistics Related to Inova's COVID-19 Response (as of April 29)

NEW: Below is an update on the number of COVID-19 patients we are seeing across Inova Health

System as well as tests performed as of April 28, 2020:

- More than 10,250 tests completed to date
 - 2,959 positive results (ambulatory and hospitalized)
 - 6,409 negative results
- 327 COVID-19+ currently hospitalized across five Inova hospitals
- 624 discharged patients to date

Testing Capabilities and Capacity

Testing kits, reagents, and other supplies remain on allocation as part of a nationwide supply chain challenge. Testing capacity remains limited due to these factors. At this time, only those individuals who meet Inova's current testing criteria will be tested.

NEW: Inova is performing COVID-19 screening/testing regardless of symptoms for all patients admitted from, or being discharged to, a nursing facility, as well as for all labor and delivery patients.

Is COVID-19 testing available through Inova?

Yes, testing is available across Inova Health System based on clinical criteria outlined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Virginia Department of Health.

Inova Urgent Care Centers at Dulles South, Tysons and North Arlington are operating as Respiratory Illness Clinics and **only evaluating patients with respiratory illness symptoms.**

- Tysons Respiratory Illness Clinic is operating 7-days per week, from 8AM-8PM.
- Dulles South and North Arlington Respiratory Illness Clinics are operating Monday-Friday from 8AM-8PM

All other Inova Urgent Care Locations are seeing **non-respiratory patients only.** For addresses and hours, [visit the Inova Urgent Care webpage](#)

Meal Delivery Updates

In April, PRCS delivered 445 frozen meals and 8,693 hot meals. Since March 16, PRCS has delivered 655 frozen meals and 13,146 hot meals through the Home Delivered Meals program.

LCPS served 12,115 meals, and also distributed 57 food bags from Loudoun Hunger yesterday. Since March 13, 2020, LCPS has provided 489,853 meals and has distributed 3,989 food bags from Loudoun Hunger.



Do You Need More Time to File?



Do you need more time to file your state taxes? The Virginia individual income tax filing deadline is Friday, May 1, 2020.

If you won't be able to file by the deadline, don't worry. Due to COVID-19, everyone has an automatic 6-month extension.

In addition, individuals also have an extra month to pay their taxes this year.

Pay by June 1, 2020 to avoid any penalties.

[Learn More](#)

COVID Resource Apps

The Virginia Department of Social Services

The Virginia Department of Social Services has launched a mobile app and website designed to streamline access to critical and actionable resources for individuals, families and businesses.

The new COVID-19 Virginia Resources website and app enables users to search for local resources through [211Virginia.org](https://211virginia.org), as well as access [CommonHelp](#), the online system to apply for food assistance, health care, childcare and other benefits.



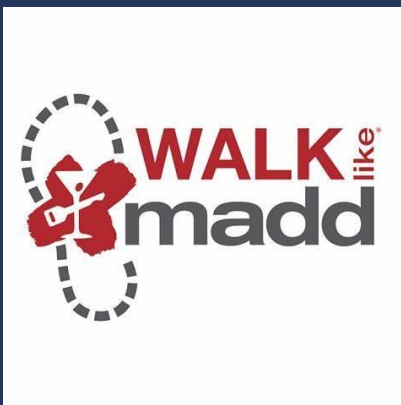
For more information, visit COVID.Virginia.Gov

The Virginia Department of Health

The Virginia Department of Health has launched a new interactive web tool, COVID-19 & You. The tool provides information regarding health concerns and issues; you can click through a list of popular topics and subtopics.

[Explore COVID-19 & You](#)

MADD Loudoun Virtual Walk & On-Line Auction May 16, 2020



Loudoun's annual 5K non-competitive Walk and Silent Auction Fundraiser (Walk Like MADD) will have some new twists this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This year's auction will be done on-line. There is a reason that this year's event is being modified rather than being cancelled. While the pandemic has caused a curtailing of many activities, even during it the crime of impaired driving is proving to be an ongoing threat to our community.

Saturday May 16 at 9:00 am: Opening Ceremony (including the Star-Spangled Banner, loosening-up exercises, etc) (via Zoom)

- Following the Opening Ceremony, at approximately 10am, the virtual walk will start in all participants' respective neighborhoods. In light of the virtual nature of the event, should the weather on Sat May 16 be undesirable for walking, feel free to then do it on Sun May 17!

Sunday May 17 at 4:00 pm: Closing Ceremony (including the recognition of Victims, event teams, funds raised and awards (via Zoom)

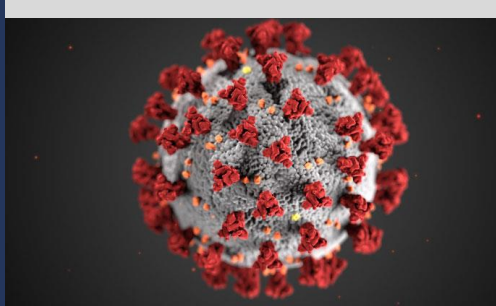
The on-line auction is already in progress. Register to take part in Walk Like MADD 2020 and you will receive an invitation to be a part of it!

[On-line registration](#) is open until 8:30 am on Sat., May 16th

Please contact Susan Cleveland (703-470-1053 or maddloudoun@aol.com) with any questions.

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 hands) when coughing or sneezing.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



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.

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Avoid contact with sick people.
- Avoid non-essential travel.

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