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COVID-19 UPDATES
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Business Interruption Fund Applications to Close Wednesday



This is a reminder that applications for the 5th round of Business Interruption Funds will close in less than two days:

If your company was negatively impacted by the effects of COVID-19, you could qualify for a \$5,000 grant through the 5th round of the Loudoun County Business Interruption Fund!

What is the Loudoun County Business Interruption Fund?

The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved \$3 million in additional CARES Act funding for the COVID-19 Business Interruption Fund, to support small businesses adversely impacted by the coronavirus.

The fund will provide 600 randomly selected applicant businesses with a \$5,000 grant. Round 5 applicants are required to demonstrate the following criteria:

- Have between zero and 100 W-2 employees (no limit on 1099 contractors)
- Have less than \$5 million in gross annual receipts
- Have been in operation prior to March 1, 2020
- Have at least a 25% loss in revenue that can be attributed to COVID-19
- Be a licensed and operational for-profit business in Loudoun County

Timeline for Applicants

Round 5 applications opened at **12:00 pm on Wednesday, September 23rd** and will close at **12:00 pm this Wednesday, September 30th**.

- Application review will take place between 9/23-10/23
- A random drawing (if needed) will take place on 10/23

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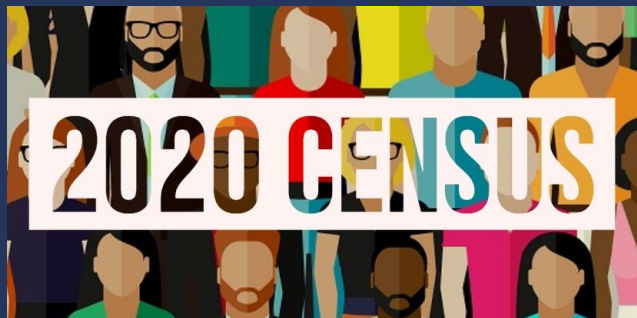
Applicants who ***have not*** received funding in any previous round of the Business Interruption Fund (in the [first](#), [second](#), [third](#) or [fourth](#) rounds) or through a similar grant process offered by any of Loudoun's incorporated towns will be given priority in receiving funding.

******Any business that applied in a previous round but was disqualified because of that round's criteria, is encouraged to apply again in this round and could be considered for funding.******

[Apply Now](#)

Complete the 2020 Census

The Census Bureau is working to complete data collection as quickly and safely as possible. For now, the deadline has been extended through the end of October, but it is recommended that you complete your responses as soon as possible.



Loudoun's response rate has now reached 81.9% and we need your help to make our final push strong!

Encourage your family members, neighbors, friends, and coworkers to complete the Census if they have not already done so. The count affects the allocation of federal funding to the county and affects how legislative districts are drawn, and your response ensures we have the resources to build stronger communities.

Respond now online, by phone, or with a census taker in your community, and shape your future for the next 10 years. Learn more at [2020CENSUS.GOV](https://2020census.gov).

Voting 2020: Mailing Your Ballot



Below is a message from the Loudoun County Office of Elections and Voter Registration regarding frequently asked mail-in voting questions:

If you requested that an absentee ballot be mailed to you, Loudoun County Office of Elections and Voter Registration asks that you please vote the ballot that was sent to you, if possible.

You can complete your mailed ballot by following the instructions that were enclosed in your envelopes, then mail that ballot back or drop it at 750 Miller Drive in Leesburg at either the early voting site at Suite F or the Office of Elections at Suite C.

Additional drop off sites are being arranged and will be announced soon.

Question: When are mail ballots counted?

Answer: Absentee ballots mailed back or dropped off are recorded in the system as having been returned and turned over to the Central Absentee Precinct for processing immediately upon receipt. All mail ballots received by November 3rd at 7:00 pm will be included in results reported on election night.

For more election information, visit loudon.gov/vote.

PRCS Master Plan (Virtual) Public Meeting

The Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) has contracted for a strategic master planning process.

Input from residents is critical to the success of the master plan.

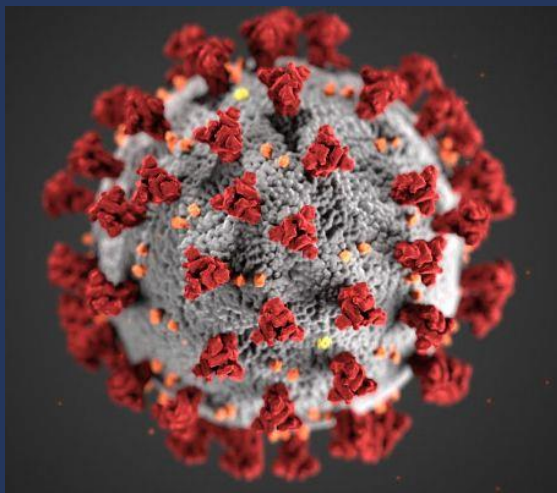
The first virtual public meeting will be held **Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2020, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** The purpose is to present an overview of the process that will be taken to create the strategic master plan and provide an opportunity for input on the current use of PRCS resources and where opportunities for improvement should be focused in the next 10 years. [Sign up to attend the virtual meeting.](#)

Send in comments and questions by email Loudoun PRCS at prcsmasterplan@loudoun.gov

[Get More Info on the Master Plan Process](#)



"Demystifying COVID-19" Lecture Series



Get the facts about the COVID-19 pandemic from "Demystifying COVID-19," a three-part virtual lecture series presented by LCPL and Janelia Research Campus with virologist Angela Rasmussen of the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health.

While the first installment of the series was held on September 24th, the remaining two sessions will occur on October 1st and October 7th.

Part Two of Three: SARS-CoV2 Epidemiology and Transmission

Thursday, October 1st from 7:00-8:00 pm

In this second talk, Rasmussen will discuss the various routes of transmission and the science behind how the virus spreads between hosts.

Part Three of Three: SARS-CoV2 Therapeutics and Vaccines

Wednesday, October 7th from 7:00-8:00 pm

In the final talk in this series, Rasmussen will review some of the different treatments and vaccines in development, and what to expect from these ameliorative efforts.

[Register Here to Receive Event Links](#)

Make Your Lifesaving Blood Donation with Loudoun County Fire and Rescue on October 9, 2020

Loudoun County Fire and Rescue is joining Inova Blood Donor Services to host a blood drive at the Oliver Robert "O.R." Dubé Fire and Rescue Training Academy in Leesburg on **Friday, October 9, 2020** and encourages all Loudoun residents to participate.

Each year hemorrhage or uncontrolled bleeding accounts for nearly 1.9 million deaths worldwide and loss of blood is the leading cause of preventable death from injury.

As part of the innovative FACT*R (Field Available Coordinated Transfusion Response) program whole blood is now being carried on Emergency Medical Services (EMS) units in both Loudoun and Arlington Counties, a first for Virginia, and the Washington D.C. Metropolitan region. The success of the FACT*R program is directly impacted by the availability of blood from Inova Blood Donor Services and your donations. "Blood products donated through Inova stay local,

BLOOD DRIVE
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2020 9AM-3PM
OLIVER "O.R." DUBE FIRE AND RESCUE TRAINING ACADEMY
16595 Courage Court, Leesburg, VA

Sign Up NOW!
<http://bit.ly/LCFRTraining1013>
or
1-866-BLOODSAVES
(1-866-256-6372) CODE: 5245

Appointments Required. Walk in donors will be offered next available appointment slot if available. Photo ID and Face Covering Required.

COVID-19 Antibody Testing

INOVA Blood Donor Services

right here in the Northern Virginia region, so your donation is truly an example of neighbors helping neighbors,” says System Chief Keith H. Johnson.

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P-EBT Benefits Available to LCPS Students



Virginia received approval to issue additional Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) food assistance to certain students who are learning remotely.

Students who have learned virtually for at least five

consecutive days, and are eligible for free or reduced-price meals, are eligible to receive a P-EBT benefit. If you received a P-EBT benefit during this past spring or summer, the new benefit will automatically be added to your card.

It is not necessary to contact your school about this benefit. Loudoun County Public Schools will submit all eligible students for this benefit.

Households with students eligible for this remote learning P-EBT that received P-EBT for school closures earlier this year will receive these additional benefits on the existing P-EBT card or SNAP EBT card. Newly eligible or newly enrolled students will receive a P-EBT card by mail addressed to the parent or guardian's name.

Households who previously received P-EBT and lost or discarded their card must call [1-866-281-2448](tel:1-866-281-2448) to receive a replacement. Households should visit the [P-EBT webpage](#) to submit questions or for more information.

*****Benefits will be issued between September 30 and October 15, 2020.*****

Participation in this program is voluntary. If you choose not to participate in the program, please dispose of the card by cutting through the magnetic stripe and discarding it in a secure manner.

Loudoun Officials Offer Guidance for a Safe Halloween during COVID-19 Pandemic

Loudoun County officials recommend that residents do not engage in traditional door-to-door trick-or-treating this Halloween or other activities that risk transmission of COVID-19.

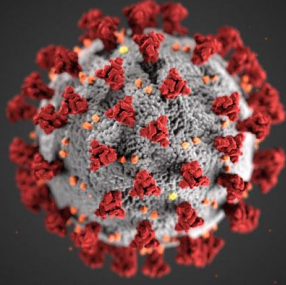
Halloween activities that are considered high-risk and are not recommended include:

- Traditional trick-or-treating where treats are handed to children who go door to door.
- Trick-or-treating at houses where individuals are not wearing a face covering and where 6 feet of physical distance is not maintained between individuals.
- Trunk-or-treating where treats are handed out from trunks of cars lined up in large parking lots.
- Events that involve large gatherings, such as crowded costume parties held indoors and any events where social distancing is difficult to maintain.
- Indoor haunted houses where people may be crowded together and screaming.



[Get More Information](#)

Stay Informed!



The county continues to encourage everyone in the community to take steps to limit the spread of COVID-19, which include:

- Wear a mask/face covering ([see requirements](#))
- 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.

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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.

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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