

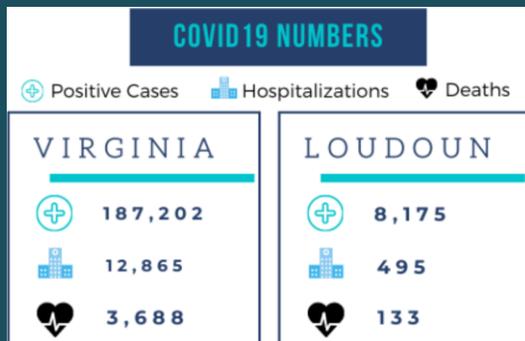


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COVID-19 Update



Local and State COVID-19 Trends

A model used by the Loudoun County Health Department shows that NOVA is experiencing a high burden of COVID-19 cases. Statewide, Virginia's seven-day moving average of cases has remained steady since October 20. Residents are reminded to practice social distancing and wear a mask in order to avoid a resurgence in cases.

The Virginia Department of Health's COVID-19 Data Dashboard is available [here](#).

COVID-19 TESTING
Tuesday, November 10, 2020
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Two Locations

Brambleton Community Park-West 22377 Belmont Ridge Road, Ashburn, 20148	Philip A. Bolen Memorial Park 42405 Claudio Dr. Leesburg, 20175
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Drive-thru only. Free & open to everyone.

loudoun.gov/COVID19testing

Loudoun County to Host Free COVID-19 Testing

Loudoun County will host two free drive-thru testing events for COVID-19 on **Tuesday, November 10, 2020, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** The testing events will take place at

two locations simultaneously:

- [Brambleton Community Park-West, 22377 Belmont Ridge Road in Ashburn.](#)

- [Philip A. Bolen Memorial Park, 42405 Claudia Drive in Leesburg](#) (enter the park from Sycolin Road onto Crosstrail Boulevard).

To help reduce wait times, people who plan to attend the testing event are strongly encouraged to complete a registration form for each person who will be receiving a test prior to arriving at the testing site. The fillable form is posted online:

- [English \(PDF\)](#)
- [Spanish \(PDF\)](#)

Forms will also be available at the testing site. The registration form is required and asks for general demographics and contact information, including name, date of birth, address, phone number and current symptoms, if any.

The testing events are open to all. There are no age or residency requirements. No prescriptions or appointments are necessary. A person does not have to exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 in order to be tested. A PCR test (nasal swab) will be administered, which tests for the novel coronavirus. Results will be available within a week. No antibody testing will be offered.

More information, including links to the registration forms, is posted on the County's website at loudoun.gov/COVID19testing.

Residents with questions about COVID-19 may call the Loudoun County Health Department's information line at 703-737-8300 or send an email to health@loudoun.gov.



Apply now!
**Utility Assistance
For Loudoun
Residents**
To help households
impacted by COVID-19
Call the COVID-19
Emergency Fund
and Helpline:
703-669-5040

Residents Urged to Apply Now for Utility Payment Assistance

Utility payment assistance is now available to Loudoun County residents who have experienced economic hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Residential customers, including those in the seven incorporated towns, can request assistance to pay their electric, water, and gas bills. You can also receive

assistance for propane, oil or wood, if those are used for heating or cooking. Residents are urged to apply now to ensure that applications are completed by the deadline of December 15.

- To apply, contact the COVID-19 Emergency Fund and Helpline at 703-669-5040.
- For more information, visit www.cdda.net/need-help/loudoun-county-utility-assistance.pdf.

- The assistance program is administered by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington and Loudoun Cares, and supported by a CARES Act grant from Loudoun County.



George Mason University Assists Students in Need

This year presented many challenges, but 2020 is also proof of what the George Mason University community can collectively do when it works together. The global pandemic has resulted in unprecedented economic hardships, and Mason students haven't been immune to its adverse effects. Faculty, staff, parents, alumni and community donors have come together in

the [Patriots Helping Patriots](#) initiative, created by the Office of Advancement and Alumni Relations to provide urgent help to those in financial need.

The program has delivered with faculty and staff totaling a combined 635 donations for \$127,053 spread out across all the student emergency funds, according to the most recent figures dating back to March. Overall, there have been 2,871 donations to needy students for a total of \$521,525.

University Life's Student Emergency Assistance Fund has been the biggest beneficiary, listing 1,584 gifts for a total of \$277,548. Designed to quickly get much-needed assistance into the hands of needy students, its online application form first went live on March 19.

Thanks to social media and word of mouth, word quickly spread that members of Mason Nation were in need of help and the entire university community has responded.

The most recent fundraiser came in the form of the inaugural virtual Mason Nation 5K. This joint effort among University Life, the Center for the Advancement of Well-Being, Alumni Relations, Mason Recreation, Mason Kinesiology Club and the Exercise as Medicine Group raised more than \$19,000 in support of the Student Emergency Assistance Fund with gifts from more than 200 donors, many of whom logged the virtual 3.1 mile distance Oct. 15-18.

To learn more about helping students in need, visit php.gmu.edu.



Governor's Updates

Governor Ralph Northam announced two allocations of Growth and Opportunity for Virginia (GO Virginia) grants, totaling more than \$9 million.

The first allocation of more than \$7.8 million will support 11 regional projects and two statewide projects. The funding will help advance innovative workforce development initiatives designed to expand employment in the technology and maritime sectors and grow Virginia's portfolio of business-ready sites. The grant awards will leverage an additional \$15 million in non-state resources to support ongoing recovery and economic diversification efforts throughout Virginia.

The second allocation of over \$1.4 million was awarded to 19 projects through the new Economic Resilience and Recovery Program that created by the GO Virginia Board in April to quickly deploy resources that will help communities mitigate the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Information on the projects receiving funding through this program is available [here](#).



How to Receive Updates or get Questions Answered

Loudoun County staff continues to coordinate answering your COVID-19 health related constituent questions. Please call the Health Department COVID-19

Information Hotline at 703-737-8300 for a quick response (Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday through Sunday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or [Email the Health Department](#).

Please visit the [County's COVID-19 webpage](#). The [questions and answers](#) page is continually updated.

Please encourage your constituents to view and sign up for updates from Loudoun

- Text LCCOVID19 to 888777 to receive text alerts from Loudoun County about COVID-19
- [Sign up for email and text updates on COVID-19 in Notify Me, Blogs category](#)
- Follow the [Loudoun County Government Facebook Page](#) and Twitter [@LoudounCoGovt](#)

Seen any message of hope and inspiration? Do you know someone making a difference in your community? Share with us at zachary.harris@loudoun.gov and we'll put them in our updates and newsletter.

If you are having trouble paying your utilities because of COVID-19, visit the County's webpage on [COVID-19 Utilities](#). You will find program information on:

Columbia Gas
Dominion Power
Loudoun Water
NOVEC
Washington Gas
Wi-fi Connectivity

For More Current COVID-19 Information

Visit: www.loudoun.gov/CoronaVirus

Call: (703) 737-8300

Email: Health@Loudoun.gov

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