

# All About Algonkian



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## **CORONAVIRUS UPDATE: Monday, March 23, 2020**

Dear Neighbors,

If you missed today's update by Governor Ralph Northam, you can watch on the Governor's [Facebook Page](#). Virginia has now joined a growing list of states and jurisdictions in ordering more restrictions "all non-essential" businesses for the next 30 days and has closed schools. [Executive Order 53](#) requires the closure of certain non-essential businesses, bans all gatherings of more than 10, and closes all K-12 schools for the remainder of the academic year. Governor Northam also is urging all Virginians to avoid non-essential travel outside the home. This order goes into effect tomorrow at midnight.

Non-essential businesses are divided into three categories:

### **I. Recreational and Entertainment Venues**

These are now ordered closed:

- theaters, performing arts centers, concert venues, museums, and other indoor entertainment centers
- Fitness centers, gymnasiums, recreation centers, indoor sports facilities, indoor exercise facilities
- Beauty salons, barber shops, spas, massage parlors, tanning salons, tattoo shops, and any other location where personal care or personal grooming services are performed that would not allow compliance with social distancing guidelines to remain six feet apart
- Racetracks and historic horse racing facilities
- Bowling alleys, skating rinks, arcades, amusement parks, trampoline parks, fairs, arts and craft facilities, aquariums, zoos, escape rooms, indoor shooting ranges, public and private social clubs, and all other places of indoor public amusement

## **II. Dining and On-site Alcohol Establishments**

All dining and congregation areas in the following establishments must close to the public. These establishments may continue to offer delivery and/or takeout services and include:

- Restaurants
- Dining establishments
- Food courts
- Farmers markets
- Breweries
- Microbreweries
- Distilleries
- Wineries
- Tasting rooms

## **III. Retail Businesses**

The following retail businesses are considered essential and may remain open during normal business hours:

- Grocery stores, pharmacies, and other retailers that sell food and beverage products or pharmacy products, including dollar stores, and department stores with grocery or pharmacy operations
- Medical, laboratory, and vision supply retailers
- Electronic retailers that sell or service cell phones, computers, tablets, and other communications technology
- Automotive parts, accessories, and tire retailers as well as automotive repair facilities
- Home improvement, hardware, building material, and building supply retailers
- Lawn and garden equipment retailers
- Beer, wine, and liquor stores
- Retail functions of gas stations and convenience stores
- Retail located within healthcare facilities
- Banks and other financial institutions with retail functions
- Pet stores and feed stores
- Printing and office supply stores
- Laundromats and dry cleaners

All essential retail establishments must, to the extent possible, adhere to social distancing recommendations, enhanced sanitizing practices on common surfaces, and other appropriate workplace guidance from state and federal authorities. Some non-essential retail establishments may remain open as long as they can maintain fewer than 10 in the store and practice social distancing and increased sanitation.

The governor said these decisions were promoted by advice from medical and financial experts and communications with our neighboring regional leaders.

Other states, including Maryland and DC have imposed stricter guidelines and the Governor remarked that Virginia's guidelines and protocols may change.



The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) may charge individuals or groups with trespass if they are improperly or illegally on county-owned property or facilities where "No Trespassing" signs are properly posted.

LCSO, with authorization from the respective Homeowners Association (HOA), may enforce "No Trespassing" on HOA-owned property, including playgrounds, basketball courts or other athletic facilities where signs are posted that these areas are closed.

If a resident of Loudoun County observes a potential violation, they are encouraged to call the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office non-emergency number at 703-777-1021.

Violations of the governor's order are a misdemeanor, which carry a punishment of up to a year in jail and a fine of up to \$2,500.

You can read the Governor's press release [here](#).

All schools, public and private will be closed for the remainder of the academic year.

Please continue to check-in and leave comments on my [FaceBook Page](#).

Sincerely,

**Juli**

Juli E. Briskman, Algonkian District Supervisor

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### **Loudoun County Public Schools Closed Through End of the Year**

School officials in jurisdictions across Virginia will be responsible for deciding how to proceed with educating their students. The Virginia Department of Education will provide guidance to local school systems on how to proceed with educating their students to ensure it is done in an equitable way.

LCPS will release more information tonight at 8:30 p.m. in a video message. For the most recent information from LCPS about COVID-19 Coronavirus, please visit the [FAQ page](#).

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**WEB-SITE TRANSLATION SERVICES**

The County is developing a plan for increasing appropriate outreach to the Spanish-speaking community and to identify the resources required to implement such a plan, including developing tools in Spanish that help Spanish speakers navigate the website. We will provide those resources to you as soon as they are available. If you are aware of Spanish-speaking residents or organizations that serve Spanish-speaking populations that are seeking information from the County, translating the website is one option that is available to them that can be accomplished immediately. The information that is posted on the website, including news releases and COVID-19 updates can be [translated](#) into Spanish and many other languages by any visitor to the county's website.

Other print resources with key prevention and information messages on COVID-19 are available in Spanish from the CDC.

**Cores CDC Messages:**

- CDC: How to protect yourself in Spanish:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention-sp.html>
- CDC: Prevention and Information Print Resources:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/communication/factsheets.html>

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## LOOKING OUT FOR OUR SENIOR CITIZENS

Giant Food has begun offering dedicated shopping hours for senior citizens 60-and older and individuals with compromised immune systems from 6:00 - 7:00 a.m., every day of the week. The stores will operate on regular hours of operation during all other times.

**Giant locations in our area:**

- 21800 Towncenter Plaza #226, Sterling, VA 20164 (Sterling Town Center)
- 21000 Southbank St Ste 150, Sterling, VA 20165 (Cascades Marketplace)

Additionally, Safeway stores have implemented dedicated checkout lines for senior citizens every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 7:00 - 9:00 a.m. However, other customers will still be allowed to shop in the stores during this time-frame, but are being asked to be vigilant of seniors and to continue practicing social distancing as applicable.

**Safeway Locations in our area:**

- 30 Pidgeon Hill Dr Sterling, VA 20165 (Countryside)
- 22350 S Sterling Blvd, Sterling, VA 20164 (Sterling Plaza)

Other grocery store chains have begun adjusting their operation hours to implement more frequent cleaning and disinfecting, but have not indicated any

specified hours or time frames for seniors and individuals with compromised immune systems.

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### **Loudoun Supervisors Approve Extension of Personal Property Tax Deadline to June 5**

The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors has approved a recommendation from Treasurer H. Roger Zurn to move the personal property tax deadline from May 5 to June 5, 2020.

"The Treasurer's Office and the Board recognize that COVID-19 situation may be impacting our residents economically. Due to the end of the fiscal year and state code, the due date could only be moved to June 5," Zurn said.

"We are hopeful that our citizens are able to get back to work prior to the new deadline and are committed to working with our taxpayers during this difficult time," Zurn added. "I have asked my Collection Team to cease any collection actions during this crisis. We stand ready to set up payment plans for those that are most impacted, particularly hourly workers. We are all in this together. Please stay safe and stay strong."

More information about taxes in Loudoun County is online at [loudoun.gov/taxes](https://loudoun.gov/taxes).

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### **Support Loudoun's Front-line Healthcare Workers: Donate Protective Equipment Today**

The coronavirus/COVID 19 crisis is taxing Loudoun's health care providers and several have reached out to the Chamber for assistance. If your company uses any of the following supplies and would be willing to donate them to support Loudoun's health care workers who are the front lines battling the coronavirus/COVID 19, please contact Chamber President Tony Howard at [thoward@loudounchamber.org](mailto:thoward@loudounchamber.org).

- Mask - all types
- Respirators
- Sanitizers
- Bleach wipes
- Goggles/Face shields
- Gowns, Coverall
- Gloves

If you have colleagues or contacts in the local construction industry, particularly the trades, and think they can help by donating personal protective equipment, please share this message with them. Thank you!

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## The Community Foundation of Loudoun and Fauquier Counties

The Community Foundation for Loudoun and Northern Fauquier Counties has established a Community Emergency Relief Fund to accept and strategically disburse funding to address COVID-19 emergency response and relief efforts in Loudoun and Northern Fauquier Counties.

Donations will directly support local nonprofit organizations that:

- Help those affected by the crisis pay their mortgage or rent, utility bills, and medical expenses.
- Provide housing, food, and health care



Donate to the Community Foundation of Loudoun and Fauquier

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## WHERE TO GO FOR UPDATES, NEWS, AND INFORMATION

View past and current news conferences televised live on Comcast Government Channel 23, Open Band Channel 40 and Verizon FiOS Channel 40, in addition to being live-streamed at [loudoun.gov/webcast](https://loudoun.gov/webcast).

News releases from the Virginia Governor's Office regarding statewide COVID-19 information, updates, measures, and responses can be [found here](#).

Loudoun County website at [loudoun.gov/coronavirus](https://loudoun.gov/coronavirus) which also includes a link to sign up for updates

Text LCCOVID19 to 888777 receive text alerts from Loudoun County

County News Releases through [Alert Loudoun](#)

[Mobile Hope: Listen for the Honk Bus Schedule](#)

[Loudoun County Government - Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

[Loudoun County Government - Pandemic Preparedness in Loudoun County](#)

[Loudoun County Public Schools \(LCPS\) – Preparedness at LCPS](#)

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)

[Virginia Department of Health \(VDH\)](#)

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To Obtain Current COVID-19 Information:

Visit: [www.loudoun.gov/CoronaVirus](http://www.loudoun.gov/CoronaVirus)

Call: (703) 737-8300

Email: [Health@Loudoun.gov](mailto:Health@Loudoun.gov)

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