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COVID-19 UPDATE

Loudoun Residents Prove Generous in Donating Personal Protective Equipment; Need Continues

Loudoun County residents have responded generously to the county government's calls for donations of personal protective equipment (PPE) for distribution to Loudoun-based health care providers and facilities in need. Since the county began accepting donations of PPE on March 30, the amount of equipment distributed as of April 6 includes:

- 2,725 Gloves
- 820 N95 Respirators
- 295 Surgical Masks
- 202 Disposable gowns

The need for PPE in our region continues. Any donated supplies may be opened, but unused. Individuals or organizations with personal protective equipment to donate should submit an online form with details about the available equipment at loudoun.gov/ppe.

The county is also fielding requests from Loudoun-based health care providers and facilities in need of PPE. Requests can be made through a form online at loudoun.gov/ppe. Organizations that have previously submitted requests for and received PPE may submit additional request forms if they have additional needs. They will be contacted by a county representative to coordinate the receipt of donated items if resources are available.

Loudoun County Creates Interactive Maps to Help Loudoun Residents and Businesses During Pandemic

To help residents find businesses that are operating, the county has made available a few interactive maps. One map features restaurants and businesses with takeout, curbside, or delivery options. Another map helps residents find grocery stores and pharmacies with designated hours for vulnerable individuals. These shopping hours are designated for older adults, as well as individuals with underlying health issues or compromised immune systems, who are at greater risk of complications from COVID-19. The searchable map also links to the stores' websites, which include contact information. You can search by street address and view which stores have modified hours.

Another interactive map helps residents find food assistance sites, including food banks, pantries, and prepared meals. The searchable map also includes links to the organizations' websites. The hub also includes a link to the Loudoun County Public Schools meal distribution sites.

The maps and data will be updated by the Office of Mapping and Geographic Information as hours, services, and conditions change. You can view the maps at loudoun.gov/COVIDresourcesmap.



Virginia Uses Genetic Technology to Combat COVID-19

State public health laboratory is one of the first in the nation to do this work

Governor Ralph Northam today announced that the Department of General Services' (DGS) Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services (DCLS) is one of the first public health labs in the nation to use genetic technology to help public health officials better understand and track the scope of the COVID-19 pandemic to strengthen prevention and response efforts. Read the Governor's press release [here](#).



Loudoun County Urges Residents to Delay Putting Out Yard Waste for Pickup

To prevent overwhelming the waste collection and disposal operations in the county, Loudoun officials are asking residents to reduce yard waste during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Some trash haulers have recently notified customers that they may reduce service as a result of the pandemic. Yard waste is considered a recyclable material and under local ordinance, it must be sorted and recycled separately from household solid waste and collected by all major waste haulers. Loudoun County is required by the state of Virginia to recycle 25 percent of its Municipal Solid Waste stream.

The recycling of yard waste also benefits the Loudoun County landfill by diverting this material from consuming space reserved for garbage. Currently all yard waste collected curbside is diverted from the Loudoun County landfill and taken to several local composting facilities that rely on the material supply to stay in operation. If this were not the case, the landfill would have difficulty processing the inflow of yard waste.

Residents who have questions should contact their waste haulers directly and ensure that this service will continue as required. Residents who have a question or concern about their waste collection may submit their question through the [Loudoun Express Request system](#).

STRESS AND COPING

The outbreak of COVID-19 may be stressful and overwhelming for some. Consider these resources for information for yourself and your family:

- [Coping with Stress During COVID-19 Outbreak](#)
- [Helping Children Cope with Stress During COVID-19](#)
- If you are experiencing a behavioral health crisis, Emergency Services are available 24 hours daily, seven days per week at 703-777-0320.
- For general information questions, email asktheMHSADSDirector@loudoun.gov or call 703-771-5155.

WI-FI CONNECTIVITY

Internet service providers are offering the following:

Comcast is offering the [Essential Internet package](#) for 60 days
AT&T, T-Mobile, and Sprint have removed data limits for cellular customers
<https://about.att.com/pages/COVID-19.html>
<https://www.t-mobile.com/news/t-mobile-update-on-covid-19-response>
<https://newsroom.sprint.com/covid-19-updates-sprint-responds.htm>
Verizon offers [unlimited data on hotspots and cell phones](#)

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.

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 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 \(VDH\)](#)

For Current COVID-19 Information

Visit: www.loudoun.gov/CoronaVirus

Call: (703) 737-8300

Email: Health@Loudoun.gov

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