

# All About Algonkian



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## COVID-19 Update



### \$250,000 Added to Business Interruption Fund

The Loudoun Economic Development Authority (EDA) unanimously approved an additional \$250,000 in grant funding to Loudoun County's COVID-19 Business Interruption Fund. The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors approved \$1.15 million in initial funding on Tuesday night, with \$450,000 in a general fund for businesses with 3-50 employees, an additional \$550,000 for businesses with 51-100 employee, and \$150,000 to help Loudoun's agriculture-based businesses with up to 2 employees.

The EDA apportioned an additional \$105,000 for businesses with 3-50 employees, \$110,000 for businesses with 51-100 employees, and \$35,000 for agriculture-based businesses. With the additional funding, a total of \$1.4 million can be dispersed to 177 randomly selected small businesses that apply between April 29 and May 2, 2020 at LoudounBusinessFund.org

This \$250,000 investment comes on top of the \$150,000 that was dedicated to the Loudoun Innovation Challenge, a scored grant contest launched in January that closed in March. In a matter of weeks, the EDA will distribute \$400,000 of grant funding into small businesses.

In addition to size requirements, eligible businesses and farms must:

- Have less than \$2.5 million in gross annual receipts

- Have at least 25% loss in revenue that can be attributed to COVID-19
- Be appropriately licensed and operational in Loudoun County, VA



## County Launches Spanish Language Text Messages on COVID-19

Loudoun County residents can now sign up to receive text messages in Spanish regarding COVID-19. To opt in for this service, text LCCOVIDESP to

888777.

The county is launching the new service to provide an additional, easy-to-use way for members of our community who have Spanish as their primary language to receive information. Regular text messages published by Loudoun County will provide information about COVID-19 prevention and treatment, county programs and services to assist residents during the pandemic, key news updates and other timely and educational messages.

This anonymous opt-in service is provided by Loudoun County free of charge; however, standard messaging and data rates may apply. Alert Loudoun will never request personal information, and residents may opt out of receiving messages at any time.

The county reminds residents to rely on trusted sources for information on COVID-19, including the county's website, which can be [translated into Spanish](#) and many other languages. In addition, resources in Spanish are posted at [loudoun.gov/COVIDespanol](http://loudoun.gov/COVIDespanol) for Spanish-speaking residents and for our partners serving this community.

COVID-19 text alerts are also available in English for those who text "LCCOVID19" to 888777.

### Personal Protective Equipment Donations



- > Give funds online or by check
- > Donate supplies at two locations

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[loudoun.gov/PPE](https://loudoun.gov/PPE)

## County Accepting Monetary Donations for Purchase of Personal Protective Equipment

Loudoun County is facilitating the purchase of personal protective equipment (PPE) for distribution to Loudoun-based health care providers and facilities in need as part of the ongoing response to the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition to accepting monetary donations that will be used by the county to purchase bulk PPE items that can be made available to organizations in need of equipment. Anyone who would like to donate financially may do so by mail or online.

**Online:** Electronic donations may be made through the Loudoun County [website](#). All major credit cards and PayPal are accepted. The processor will deduct a transaction fee from each online donation.

**Mail:** Checks with "COVID-19 Donations" noted in the memo line may be sent to:

Loudoun County Treasurer's Office  
COVID-19 Donations  
PO Box 347  
Leesburg, VA 20178

Funds collected will not be distributed to other organizations, but will be used by the county to leverage its purchasing powers to buy PPE items in bulk, which will be made available to organizations in need of equipment.



## Governor's Updates

At today's press conference, Virginia Governor Ralph Northam provided an update on the Commonwealth's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. He emphasized the importance of mass testing in order to reopen Virginia's economy and provided an outline of the state government's plans going forward.

While Virginia is currently testing about 2,600 people per day, the Commonwealth's goal is to increase testing capacity to 10,000 people per day, including those who are asymptomatic, as the economy begins to reopen.

Governor Northam also provided goals that need to be met before social distancing guidelines are relaxed. First, there needs to be a downward trend of positive tests and hospitalizations over 14 consecutive days. There should also be enough data to prove that hospitals throughout Virginia have the necessary medical equipment to handle a steady stream of COVID-19 patients. Once these conditions are met, Virginia will take first steps toward reopening the economy such as:

- Letting some businesses reopen with strict safety regulations
- Continued social distancing and teleworking
- Face coverings recommended in public



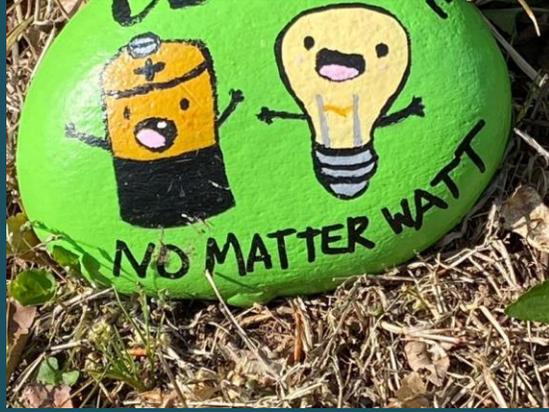
## Children's Science Center to Host Virtual Camps

The Children's Science Center Lab is now offering weekly virtual camps for children in Grades 3-6. The camps are centered around three themes which will include two virtual interactions with the Center's STEM Educators and other students each day. Each camp session meets on Zoom and is recorded to watch at a later time if the start time does not fit with your online learning school schedule.

More information is available at the Center's [website](#).

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

Call: (703) 737-8300

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

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