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# All About Algonkian



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## COVID-19 Update



### CDC Updates Possible COVID-19 Symptoms

Watch for symptoms of COVID-19. People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported - ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. These symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus: fever, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache,

sore throat, and/or new loss of taste or smell. [Learn more about the symptoms of COVID-19 and how to care for yourself or others.](#)

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## Difference Between Diagnostic Testing and Serologic Testing

Do you know the difference between diagnostic testing and serologic testing? Diagnostic testing is the throat or mouth swab that has been in use for several months to test whether someone is infectious with COVID-19 at that time. Newer serologic tests look for previous infection to COVID-19 by checking for antibodies in the blood.

Current serologic tests may not have gone through FDA review ([see FDA statement on Serological Tests](#)) and, more importantly, may not be able to tell the difference between strains of coronavirus ([see CDC information on coronavirus types](#)). If you are considering an antibody test, first ask whether the test is specific for COVID-19; if not, then a positive result could give you a false sense that you are immune to COVID-19 when in fact you just had the common cold. [Learn more about COVID testing.](#)

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## Temporary Unemployment Benefits under the CARES Act

The CARES Act includes a provision of temporary benefits for individuals who are not eligible for regular/traditional unemployment insurance. These individuals may include those who are self-employed, independent contractors, gig economy workers, clergy and those working for religious organizations as well as others who may not be covered by the regular/traditional unemployment insurance program. [Click here](#) to learn more.

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Loudoun Business Interruption Fund Currently Accepting Applications



### Canceled: Household Hazardous Waste Event

The event scheduled for May 30, 2020, has been canceled.

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Updates will be posted at [loudoun.gov/hhw](http://loudoun.gov/hhw).



## Hazardous Waste Collection Event Cancelled

The Loudoun County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection event originally scheduled for May 30, 2020, has been

cancelled in keeping with Governor Northam's stay-at-home order and Loudoun County's efforts to stem the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19).

The county normally hosts eight HHW events from March through November to collect used and unwanted HHW such as gasoline and household chemicals. The popular events are held at various locations throughout the county and typically attract 300 – 500 participants per event.

Updates concerning future events will be available at [loudoun.gov/hhw](http://loudoun.gov/hhw). Anyone with questions may call 703-771-5500 or email the Department of General Services.



## 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 stated that a CDC team has arrived in Virginia to inspect poultry processing plants to ensure they are in compliance with CDC and OSHA guidelines. After expressing concern over a rising number of cases in such facilities, Governor Northam

hopes this will help the Commonwealth better understand how COVID-19 is affecting poultry workers.

Also, Governor Northam indicated that he will allow some elective surgeries to go forward when Public Health Order #2 expires at the end of the month. The order was originally enacted to preserve bed space and PPE in the event of a surge of COVID-19 patients. Special consideration will be given to patients that are at greater risk of health complications related to COVID-19.

In addition, Governor Northam yesterday signed Executive Order Sixty, which reinforces certain existing statutory liability protections for Virginia healthcare workers. Due to COVID-19, public and private healthcare providers are operating with limited resources and may be forced to serve patients outside of conventional standards of care.

Virginia's code offers protections for healthcare workers and first responders in cases of emergency. This order clarifies that these statutes protect healthcare workers operating during the COVID-19 crisis. Nothing in this order prevents liability in the case of gross negligence or willful misconduct.

You can read Governor Northam's Executive Order [here](#).

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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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