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# All About Algonkian



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## COVID-19 Update



### Governor's Updates

At today's press conference, Virginia Governor Ralph Northam provided updates about the state's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. He reported that both the daily number of new cases and hospitalizations have remained flat since the beginning of April.

By the end of next week, Virginia will significantly increase its PPE capacity as it is receiving three Battelle decontamination systems from the federal government. The first system will be constructed in Blacksburg and shared with West Virginia and Tennessee. Once all three systems are fully operational, the Commonwealth expects to clean about 240,000 masks per day.

Governor Northam also announced that Virginia has secured relief options for more than 200,000 Virginians with privately held student loans. The payment relief is the result of a new initiative by Virginia and several other states to work with the major private student loan servicers to expand on protections for federal student loan borrowers through the CARES Act.

Under this initiative, Virginians with commercially-owned Federal Family Education loans, Perkins loans, or privately held student loans who are struggling to make their payments due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic will be eligible for expanded relief. Borrowers in need of assistance must immediately contact their student loan servicer to identify the options that are appropriate to their circumstances.



## NOVA EDA Launches Webinar Series

In light of the current global pandemic, the Northern Virginia Economic Development Alliance (NOVA EDA) is taking action. NOVA EDA has announced the launch of a three-part, 12 session webinar series: "Beyond COVID-19: NOVA Business Resiliency Webinars." Created for NOVA businesses to ensure they have the latest and best possible information from a variety of experts, these webinars will focus on how to keep moving forward during and after the current global pandemic. It will convene experts spanning issues such as government financing, staffing, technology readiness, healthy workplaces, new business and revenue models, customer retention, and more.



## Loudoun Education Foundation Raising Funds for School Supply Kits

The LEF is raising funds to purchase school supply kits for our economically disadvantaged students in K-8. The school supplies are needed in helping students complete their schoolwork at home during distance learning. LEF is focusing on providing school supply kits for our Title I and Title I eligible schools first and then all students that are in need of school supplies. Kits will be mailed or delivered to the homes. The cost of a kit is \$25. If you would like to sponsor one, follow this link and designate the donation as "School Supply Kit".



## Inova Clarifies Emergency Room Procedures

If you are experiencing a medical emergency, please visit the ER or call 911 immediately. Delaying treatment can be a dangerous decision, especially when it comes to signs of a heart attack or stroke.

Inova hospitals and emergency rooms have taken precautions to provide a safe environment for all our patients – including screening processes and separate areas for those suspected of having COVID-19. In addition, the following safety measures and temporary modifications have been made at each of the three Inova Loudoun Hospital (ILH) ERs:

**Emergency Room at Inova Loudoun Hospital (Lansdowne), 44045 Riverside Parkway, Leesburg:**

Inova Loudoun Hospital has temporarily reconfigured the adult and pediatric ERs to separate respiratory patients from those with other complaints. Upon arrival, an outside greeter provides patients with a mask and determines the reason for the visit. Depending on the presence of respiratory symptoms, the patient is escorted to a private, closed-door room in either the respiratory or non-respiratory ER. Pediatric patients are separated from adults on both sides, and are cared for by the pediatric team. Individuals with respiratory illness or concern should visit the Lansdowne ER. This ER will also continue to see non-respiratory illnesses and injuries.

**Inova Emergency Room – Ashburn, 22505 Landmark Court, # 210, and Inova Emergency Room – Cornwall, 224 Cornwall Street NW, Leesburg:**

These full service ERs care for patients of all ages in any emergency situation. They feature all private, closed-door patient rooms and are equipped with advanced technology including CT scans, ultrasounds, x-rays and full spectrum laboratory testing. They are also Joint Commission Certified Acute Stroke Ready Hospitals (ASRH). Like at Lansdowne, patients and visitors are given a mask to avoid the asymptomatic spread of the virus, and screened for respiratory symptoms upon arrival. They are then escorted to a private, closed-door room. Patients who do need to be admitted to Inova Loudoun Hospital will be transported directly to their room at Lansdowne or to the pre-operative area if surgical intervention is required. Visit one of these 24/7 free-standing ERs in Ashburn or Leesburg (Cornwall) for all non-respiratory illnesses and injuries.



## Free COVID-19 Tests for Low Income Residents

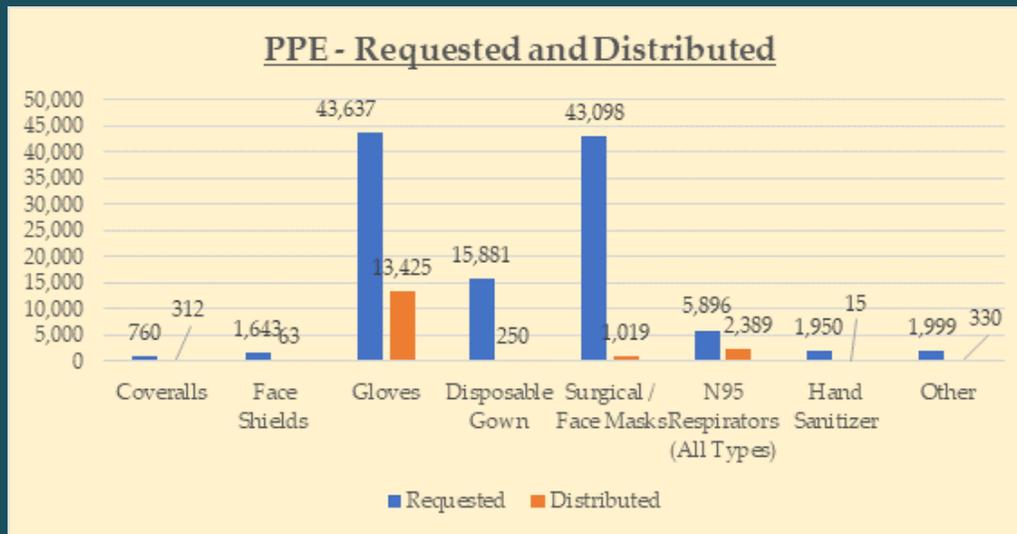
The Adams Compassionate Healthcare Network ([ACHN](http://ACHN)) clinic (provides free primary care for people who do not have insurance and are low income) will be starting drive through COVID-19 testing every Saturday, beginning this Saturday, May 2nd from 2-3 pm at 44121 Harry Byrd Hwy, Ashburn VA 20147. Patients can call (703) 542-3366 or email [contact@achnhealth.org](mailto:contact@achnhealth.org) to schedule a test. They will need to confirm that patients do not have health insurance and are low-income.



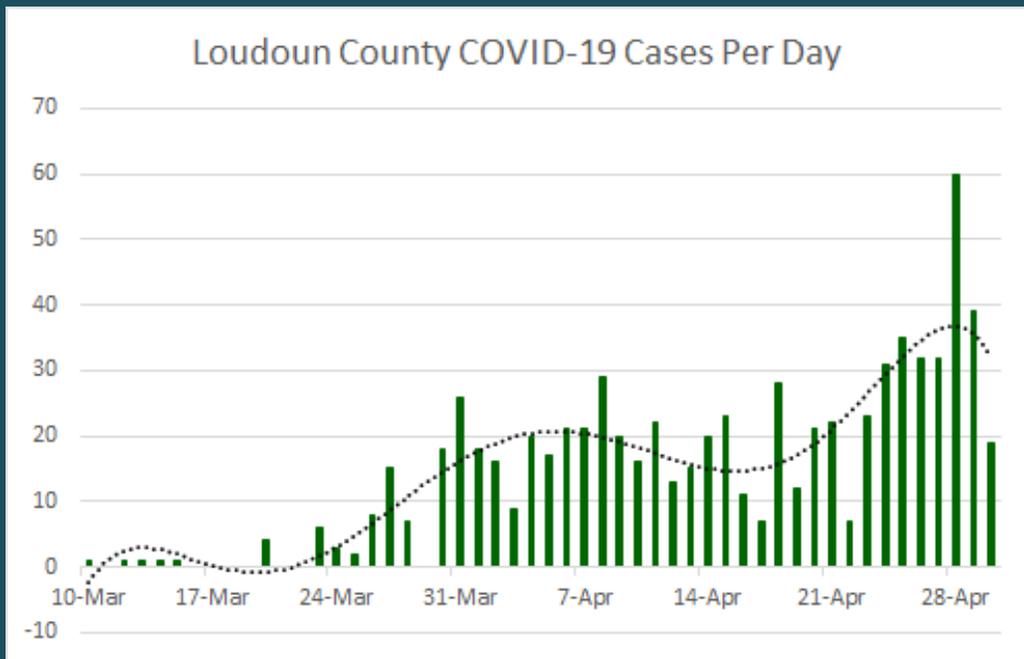
## Q&A with Dr. David Goodfriend and Allison Hubbard

Earlier this week, the Times-Mirror met via Zoom with Loudoun County Health Director Dr. David Goodfriend, as well as Nurse Manager Allison Hubbard, who is in charge of the county's COVID-19 response operations. They shared their thoughts on testing needs, outbreaks in long-term care facilities, the importance of staying home and more. The Q&A can be read [here](#).

The following graph depicts the type and quantity of PPE requested and what has been distributed:



Here is how Loudoun County is tracking in COVID-19 cases per day:



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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