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All About Algonkian



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COVID-19 Update

Loudoun County (as of May 4)

Total Cases: 961
Hospitalizations: 96
Deaths: 18

Virginia (as of May 4)

Total Cases: 19,492
Hospitalizations: 2,700
Deaths: 684



Governor's Updates

Virginia's restaurants, and retail establishments will remain closed until May 14, the Governor said at today's press conference. However, Governor Northam was optimistic that Virginia can begin Phase 1 of reopening on May 15.

To learn about the Governor's Blue Print for reopening, [click here](#).

Governor Northam also announced that the Battelle Critical Care Decontamination System (CCDS) in Blacksburg, VA is fully operational. The other Battelle systems located in Newport News and Chesterfield County are expected to be operational by next week.

The Battelle CCDS uses a concentrated hydrogen peroxide vapor to decontaminate N95 masks, which can sustain up to 20 decontamination cycles

without degrading filtration performance. This technology will help address the national shortage of critical PPE and protect healthcare workers and first responders on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic. Each unit can sterilize up to 80,000 units of PPE per day.



Loudoun Public Library Prints PPE for First Responders and Health Workers

Loudoun County Public Library (LCPL) is assisting front-line health workers and first responders in the county by manufacturing face shields using 3D printers. These face shields will be distributed through the county's Emergency Operations Center.

LCPL expects to produce 1,000 to 1,200 face shields per week utilizing the Makerspace equipment at its Brambleton, Gum Spring, Rust and Sterling branches. The face shields produced by LCPL will go to a variety of county agencies as well as long-term care facilities that have identified a critical shortage of this type of personal protective equipment (PPE).

The library is using 23 3D printers to create the headbands for the face shields while laser cutters are used to cut the plastic shields for the masks. The face shields are being made in accordance with National Institutes of Health guidelines.

When the county's Emergency Operations Center receives a request for PPE, a team evaluates the appropriateness of the request and matches it against stock on hand. Unfortunately, demand generally outweighs supply. When this is the case, the EOC has a prioritized methodology to distribute scarce resources. "That's why we are so thankful that LCPL is joining Loudoun County Public Schools and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute to increase the available supply by manufacturing face shields for the county," Goodfriend noted.

In addition to these organizations' efforts, the community has donated more than 17,000 pieces of PPE since late March, which has been distributed through the EOC.



Don't Put Off Urgent Medical Care

Determining when to go to the hospital or seek medical care can be a challenge, particularly

during the COVID-19 pandemic. You may find yourself afraid to go, even when it's necessary.

Now more than ever, it is important to keep yourself healthy. Keeping yourself healthy means addressing health problems as they arise. Getting urgent help when needed is especially important for strokes, heart attacks and life-threatening emergencies. Outcomes for these medical emergencies are tied to how quickly the patient receives care, so delaying getting treatment due to coronavirus fears can have serious consequences.

Emergency departments, urgent care centers and doctors' offices are all safely providing care to those that need it. Call your doctor if you are feeling ill. Go to the hospital if you experience symptoms of any life-threatening illnesses, not just for emergency warning signs of coronavirus.

The stay-at-home order is an important part of containing coronavirus spread. However, stay-at-home orders do not apply to people experiencing medical emergencies or those who need urgent medical care. If you need care, you should go to the hospital.



Northern Virginia Virtual
**JOB
FAIR**

Wednesday
May 6, 2020
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Get registration information and
tips for participating in virtual job fairs at:
loudoun.gov/wrc



Loudoun Co-Sponsoring Virtual Job Fair

Loudoun County is co-sponsoring a virtual job fair Wednesday, May 6, 2020, focusing on job opportunities in the health care and transportation fields now available in northern Virginia. Pre-registration is encouraged. Find out more [here](#).

Seen off of Algonkian Parkway
Neighbors sending a message of hope



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

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