



# Chair Phyllis J. Randall

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## Newsletter



## Hello, Loudoun

As many of you know, during his press conference earlier this week, Governor Northam announced that Northern Virginia would be able to move into Phase One beginning Friday, May 29th. Loudoun, I am extremely happy and relieved that the Governor accepted the recommendation of our regional health directors and that our region can now join the rest of the Commonwealth in moving to Phase One.

While this announcement is great news for our County and our region, I know that reopening businesses is not going to be an easy feat. Business owners may face a number of challenges as the COVID-19 restrictions begin to lift. In an effort to aide Loudoun Businesses with the reopening process, the Loudoun Department of Economic Development, Visit Loudoun, and the Loudoun Chamber of Commerce, have partnered together to create the “**Loudoun is Ready**” campaign. Designed to promote healthy practices among local business owners, the “Loudoun is Ready” campaign encourages businesses to meet the latest guidelines outlined by the Virginia Department of Health and Centers for Disease Prevention and Control. Businesses can take a pledge to signify that they are ready to meet these criteria, therefore promoting safe environments for returning customers.

Participating companies will range from restaurants, farms and craft beverage providers to offices, gyms, hotels and any other business that serves residents and visitors. Participants will be offered a digital toolkit and a “Loudoun Is Ready” sticker to display in their business’ window, as well as be listed on the website. The red and gold logo will also be available as a campaign button for Loudoun’s workforce and be placed on floor stickers for businesses to mark where customers can safely stand six feet apart. All of these efforts have been put forth to give the general public the confidence that these businesses have taken all of the necessary precautions, and are ready to welcome them back.



[Reopening website](#)

## COVID-19 Testing

Loudoun County has scheduled a second round of free, drive-through testing for COVID-19 at Philip A. Bolen Memorial Park in Leesburg, Monday, June 1st beginning at 10:00 am. Testing will end when the site reaches capacity or by 6:00 pm. As many tests as possible will be administered during the one-day testing event. On May 20th, more than 1,800 individuals received a COVID-19 test.

The June 1st event is open to all and will occur rain or shine. The test type will be a PCR test for the novel coronavirus; the test does not indicate whether an individual has antibodies from a previous COVID-19 exposure. Test results will be provided approximately three days following the test.

To help reduce wait times, people who plan to attend Monday's event are strongly encouraged to complete a registration form (see link below) for each person who will be receiving a test prior to arriving at the testing site. The registration form is required and asks for general demographics and contact information including name, date of birth, address, phone number and current symptoms, if any. Plan on long wait times, which may be 2 hours or more; restrooms will be available periodically throughout the waiting line. Motorists should enter Bolen Park on Crosstrail Boulevard from Sycolin Road. Please use the following address in your GPS: 42405 Claudia Drive, Leesburg.

[Registration Form](#)

## Testing Task Force

Today, a Loudoun County COVID-19 Testing Task Force was organized to help facilitate the availability of more COVID-19 testing in the community. The task force consists of

community health partners, including representatives of Hospital Corporation of America (HCA), Inova, Loudoun Medical Group, Healthworks for Northern Virginia, urgent care facilities, the Loudoun Free Clinic and various private practice physicians, including Loudoun Health Council Chair Dr. John Farrell.

The purpose of the task force is to:

- Identify the steps necessary to increase the number of COVID-19 tests performed in the county overall.
- Identify the best diagnostic tests and the efforts necessary to have access to those tests, and all necessary testing materials, and safe specimen collection activities.
- Identify future steps to conduct serology, or antibody, testing.

[Task Force website](#)

## Business Interruption Fund

At the May 19th Board business meeting, we unanimously approved \$5.7 million from the CARES Act funding for two more rounds of Business Interruption Fund support. Round Two (\$3.7 million) will deliver grants to the approximately 475 businesses that were eligible in Round One but did not get selected. Round Three (\$2 million) will be used for businesses under 3 employees that were excluded from the first process.

Round Three fund will provide 400 randomly selected applicant businesses with a \$5,000 grant. It will open for applications at noon on June 3rd, and remain open for 72 hours, closing at noon on June 6th. All submissions will be accepted based on the time stamp that the application was received, verified by county employees, and placed into a pool, where businesses will be randomly selected until the funding has expired. For more information about the criteria and to sign up for a reminder e-mail when the fund opens, please visit the website link.

[Round Three Fund](#)

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Thank you to all who viewed my State of the County Address on May 20th. If you missed it, you can watch it on the County's online [video archives](#). My closing statement is the following: Loudoun, I feel very secure in telling you the State of our County is caring, resilient, compassionate and strong. Together, we will weather this storm. We will stand as an example for every county in our nation, of what it means to be a diverse, caring county that resolves to take care of one another. In the face of this great challenge, we won't simply achieve what's Loudoun possible, we will achieve the seemingly impossible. Thank you and God bless you.



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