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## COVID-19 Update

### COVID 19 NUMBERS

VIRGINIA	LOUDOUN
41,401	2,318
4,442	156
1,338	63

### Governor's Update

Starting tomorrow, all Virginia counties will have entered Phase One of reopening. While Phase 1 has a gathering limit of 10 people or less, nonessential retail businesses and houses of worship can have up to 50 percent of their lowest permitted capacity. Restaurants are

allowed to be open for outdoor seating at 50 percent capacity while fitness centers can conduct outdoor classes. All salons and barbershops must abide by strict social distancing measures. For more information, please visit the [Forward Virginia website](#).

Governor Northam also issued Executive Order 63, which requires Virginians to wear face coverings in public indoor spaces. A face covering includes anything that covers your nose and mouth, such as a mask, scarf, or bandana. Medical-grade masks and personal protective equipment should be reserved for health care professionals. Under the Governor's executive order, any person age ten and older must wear a mask or face covering at all times while entering, exiting, traveling through, and spending time in the following public settings:

- Personal care and grooming businesses
- Essential and non-essential brick and mortar retail including grocery stores and pharmacies
- Food and beverage establishments

- Entertainment or public amusement establishments when permitted to open
- Train stations, bus stations, and on intrastate public transportation, including in waiting or congregating areas
- State and local government buildings and areas where the public accesses services
- Any indoor space shared by groups of people who may congregate within six feet of one another or who are in close proximity to each other for more than ten minutes

Exemptions to these guidelines include while eating and drinking at a food and beverage establishment; individuals who are exercising; children under the age of two; a person seeking to communicate with a hearing-impaired person, for which the mouth needs to be visible; and anyone with a health condition that keeps them from wearing a face covering. Children over the age of two are strongly encouraged to wear a face covering to the extent possible.

The full text of Executive Order 63 is available [here](#). Anyone with concerns over noncompliance with this order should contact the Virginia Department of Health call center at 1-877-ASK-VDH3.



## Loudoun County to Hold Second Mass Testing Event

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 1, 2020, beginning

at 10:00 a.m. Testing will end when the site reaches capacity or by 6:00 p.m. As many tests as possible will be administered during the one-day testing event.

Motorists should enter Bolen Park on Crosstrail Boulevard from Sycolin Road. If navigating to the park by GPS, use the following address to arrive at the park's general location: 42405 Claudia Drive, Leesburg.

The June 1 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.

No appointments are necessary. There are no age or residency requirements. A person does not have to exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 in order to be tested. No prescription or doctor's order is necessary.

To help reduce wait times, people who plan to attend Monday's event are strongly encouraged to complete a registration form for each person who will be receiving a test prior to arriving at the testing site. The fillable form is posted online [here \(PDF\)](#), and may be filled out and printed in advance of the testing event. 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.

#### **Five Things to Know About the June 1 COVID-19 Testing:**

1. Fill out a registration form [in English \(PDF\)](#) or [in Spanish \(PDF\)](#) prior to arriving at the testing site, if possible. (Forms will be available at the testing site to fill out.)
2. Testing is open to everyone.
3. Testing is drive-through only; no walk-ups.
4. Enter the testing site on Crosstrail Boulevard; follow all directions throughout the testing site.
5. Plan on long wait times, which may be 2 hours or more; restrooms will be available periodically throughout the waiting line.

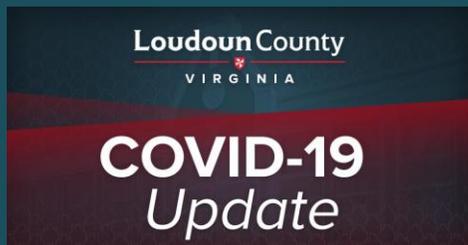


### **Business Interruption Fund to Have Third Round of Applications**

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](#).



## Loudoun County Spearheads COVID-19 Testing Task Force

Loudoun County Administrator Tim Hemstreet has organized a COVID-19 Testing Task Force 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. Loudoun County Health Department Director Dr. David Goodfriend is also on the task force and will represent the Virginia Department of Health. The task force is chaired by Farrell and co-chaired by Deputy County Administrator Charles Yudd.

The task force is addressing the issue of expanding testing capabilities in the county by assembling representatives of organizations currently conducting testing and identifying testing levels, operating issues, constraints and resource needs, and also developing recommendations to address these matters.

In addition, the task force will be establishing an online repository of information about COVID-19 testing that is accessible to medical professionals and the general public. Documents that inform the task force's work will be posted at [loudoun.gov/covid19taskforce](https://loudoun.gov/covid19taskforce). The task force is also expected to provide updates to the Board of Supervisors.



## Process for Temporary Outdoor Seating Permit at Food & Beverage Establishments

As the region prepares for easing restrictions put in place in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Loudoun County is outlining the

process for temporary approval for restaurants and other food and beverage establishments that want to add or expand their outdoor seating.

Under [Phase One of the Forward Virginia reopening plan](#), restaurants, food courts, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, cideries and wineries have the option to operate with outdoor seating if they have a permit from the Virginia Department

of Health and Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority (Virginia ABC) for the sale of alcohol.

To obtain approval for added or expanded outdoor seating from the Virginia ABC, the establishments must show that Loudoun County has approved the seating area. To obtain written approval from Loudoun County for adding or expanding outdoor seating, establishments must submit an application for a Temporary Outdoor Seating Permit and include a sketch of the area to be used. There is no fee for this application.

Issued approvals will be effective once Loudoun County enters the first phase of the reopening plan, which is scheduled to occur Friday, May 29, 2020. The temporary permits will expire on the expiration of restrictions on indoor occupancy in the Governor's Executive Orders or the Board of Supervisors rescinding the county's Declaration of Emergency due to COVID-19, whichever comes first.

The occupancy of the outdoor seating area may not exceed 50% of the lowest occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy previously approved for indoor seating. In addition, the outdoor seating must:

- Be on the same parcel as the establishment that it serves.
- Not be located within any vehicular travel lanes, fire lanes, handicapped accessible area, or required access to and from the building.
- Not block pedestrian walkways or be located in an area that will block the use of parking spaces required for the establishment.

Establishments in Loudoun's incorporated towns should seek approval from the town. If tents or other temporary structures are used, they may require a permit from the Loudoun County Fire Marshal's Office, depending on their size. More information, including application requirements and a link to the Temporary Outdoor Seating Permit application, is online at [loudoun.gov/outdoorseating](http://loudoun.gov/outdoorseating).



## County Museums Continue to Offer Educational Programs

Normally at this time of year, museums and historic sites in Loudoun County would be busy with school field trips, visitors enjoying exhibits and festivals, and people taking tours of historic properties.

None of that is taking place this year as cultural sites, like most other businesses, have been shuttered since March due to the Covid-19 pandemic. However, the closures have not prevented the organizations from staying connected to the community.

In fact, many sites have ramped up their virtual presence as a result of the shutdown and don't plan to stop when the stay-at-home order is lifted. Some of these sites offer downloadable education programs for use by teachers and parents. Others offer informational content that can be incorporated into distance learning programs. Check their Facebook and Instagram pages as well as their web sites to learn more. You can also view a list of virtual learning opportunities [here](#).



## What to do if You're Sick

We all play a role in slowing the spread of coronavirus in our community. Do your part: wear a face covering if you need to go out,

wash your hands frequently and keep a safe physical distance, at least 6 feet, from others. Together, we can help slow the spread of COVID-19.

COVID-19 is a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person:

- Symptoms can include fever (100.4°F/38°C or higher), cough, trouble breathing, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, and new loss of taste or smell.
- Illnesses have ranged from mild symptoms to severe illness and death. Symptoms may appear 2–14 days after exposure.
- Not everyone needs to be tested for COVID-19. Most people will have mild illness and be able to recover at home.
- Persons can be infected with COVID-19 and pose a risk to others without noticing any symptoms.
- Older adults and people of any age with serious underlying medical conditions may be at higher risk for more serious complications from COVID-19. Seek care early.

COVID-19 is everywhere in our community and all areas in Loudoun are at risk. As cases continue to rise in our area and with evidence of community transmission, it becomes more difficult to know everyone who may be at risk of being exposed.

It's important to know what to do if you become sick. Residents are encouraged to follow these instructions to self-monitor illness and to inform close contacts when becoming ill.

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Please share any messages of hope you see. Submissions may be sent to Zachary Harris at [zachary.harris@loudoun.gov](mailto:zachary.harris@loudoun.gov) and we'll share them in our updates and newsletter.



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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