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COVID-19 Update

COVID 19 NUMBERS

VIRGINIA	LOUDOUN
 55,331	 3,439
 5,643	 206
 1,570	 76

Governor's Updates

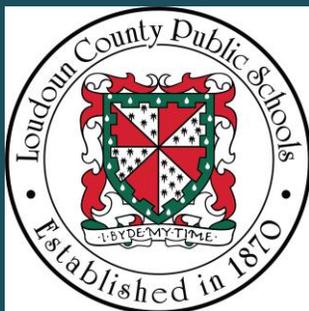
Governor Ralph Northam announced more than \$14.66 million for a new Economic Resilience and Recovery Program to respond to the unprecedented economic conditions facing Virginia and address the near and long-term impacts of the COVID-19

pandemic. This initiative was created through a restructuring of Growth and Opportunity for Virginia (GO Virginia) funding. The program will focus resources on economic resilience and recovery while staying true to the GO Virginia mission of creating higher-paying jobs that strengthen and diversify regional economies.

The GO Virginia Board has approved a policy to implement the Economic Resilience and Recovery Program with up to \$14.66 million in GO Virginia funds. Each GO Virginia regional council may apply for up to \$1 million to support strategic initiatives in response to the economic conditions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, the GO Virginia Board approved flexible policy changes to accelerate the deployment of funding. Applications will be accepted through the nine GO Virginia Regional Councils. For more information on the regional councils, click [here](#).

The following four projects have been administratively approved through the new Economic Resilience and Recovery Program, totaling \$341,800:

- **GO Virginia Region 2 and the Office of the Vice President for Health Sciences and Technology at Virginia Tech** will receive \$100,000 for Rapid High-Throughput COVID-19 Testing project. The project will deliver timely COVID-19 test results to the New River Valley and Roanoke health districts with a projected 1,000 test samples analyzed per day. The project will also provide specialized on-the-job training to medical lab specialists and medical lab technician students hired to scale-up lab operations.
- **GO Virginia Region 2 and the Roanoke-Blacksburg Technology Council** will receive \$97,200 to offer virtual education, mentoring, and business assistance programming to companies throughout the region. The Roanoke-Blacksburg Technology Council is partnering with the cities of Roanoke and Salem, the counties of Botetourt, Montgomery, and Roanoke, and the Roanoke Economic Development Authority to build off their existing business accelerator program and deliver enhanced services and programming that is responsive to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **GO Virginia Region 3** will receive \$75,000 for a critical drone test delivery project to assess the efficacy and safety of increased last-mile delivery of COVID-19 medical supplies, tests, and equipment by commercial drones. The Virginia Growth Alliance is working with Virginia's Center for Innovative Technology and commercial drone company, DroneUp, to complete the testing at St. Paul's College in Lawrenceville.
- **GO Virginia Region 7** will receive \$69,600 for the Back to Work Website and Information Program, which will create a "one-stop shop" for businesses in the region. This project is a partnership between the Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce and the Northern Virginia Economic Development Alliance, and will be guided by the newly formed Back to Work Leadership Task Force. The website will feature information on business continuity, recovery, and worker training and retraining as well as content that specifically addresses business solutions through a webinar series.



LCPS to Provide Breakfast and Lunch Through August

Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS), in participation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Summer Food Service Program, is planning to continue to support families during the current COVID-19 pandemic by providing breakfast and lunch to all children 18 years of age and under through the month of August. Meal service will be provided at 28 current walk-up sites and bus stops.

Pick-up meal service is available between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. weekdays at the following 28 locations (On Thursday, July 2, LCPS will give out meals for both Thursday, July 2, and Friday, July 3.):

- Briar Woods High School
- Broad Run High School
- John Champe High School
- Dominion High School
- Frederick Douglass Elementary
- Freedom High School
- Guilford Elementary
- Harper Park Middle School
- Heritage High School
- Hutchison Farm Elementary
- Independence High School
- Leesburg Elementary
- Loudoun County High School
- Loudoun Valley High School
- Lovettsville Elementary
- Park View High School
- Potomac Falls High School
- Riverside High School
- Rock Ridge High School
- Rolling Ridge Elementary
- Round Hill Elementary
- Sterling Elementary
- Sterling Middle School
- Stone Bridge High School
- Sugarland Elementary
- Sully Elementary
- Tuscarora High School
- Woodgrove High School

Since LCPS closed schools on March 12 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and June 10, School Nutrition Services, with the help of Transportation Services, has served 895,093 free meals to students throughout Loudoun County.



Upcoming Blood Drives

LCPS has partnered with the American Red Cross to host blood drives at LCPS schools. The schools' space accommodation permits the required social distancing during the collection events at this extremely critical time. No drop-in donations are allowed. To schedule an appointment,

please visit [redcross.org/give-blood](https://www.redcross.org/give-blood). Blood Drives will be held at:

- Loudoun County High School / June 26

- Loudoun County High School / July 11
- Stone Bridge High School / July 22
- Loudoun County High School / July 29
- Loudoun County High School / August 1

Inova Blood Services has one blood drive scheduled in Loudoun County in June at Destiny Church Bloodmobile on June 19. For future blood drives and to make an appointment, visit <https://www.inovablood.org/>. Residents who have had a positive COVID-19 test and are symptom-free for 14 days may be able to be a convalescent plasma donor. The plasma should be rich in immunoglobulins that may be helpful to patients who are actively fighting a COVID-19 infection. Visit <https://www.inovablood.org/covid19plasma/> for more information.



HealthWorks for Northern Virginia Expands Free Testing

HealthWorks for Northern Virginia announced that they will expand COVID-19 testing to a satellite location in Sterling. Patients may call 703-433-2000 to be screened for a free testing appointment in Leesburg, Herndon or Sterling or to become a patient. HealthWorks provides primary medical, dental and mental health services for people of all ages, regardless of ability to pay or insurance status. A Spanish language flyer is available by clicking [here](#).



Considering US Travel?

COVID-19 cases and deaths have been reported in all 50 states, and the situation is constantly changing. Because travel increases your chances of getting infected and spreading COVID-19, staying home is the best way to protect yourself and others from getting sick. If you are thinking about traveling away from your local community, review the [travel guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#).

Please share any messages of hope you see. Submissions may be sent to Zachary Harris at 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

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