



COVID-19 UPDATES
~AUGUST 3, 2020~

**Governor Northam Declares State of
Emergency in Advance of Hurricane Isaias**



Governor Ralph Northam today declared a state of emergency in advance of Hurricane Isaias, which is expected to impact parts of coastal Virginia starting on Monday, August 3, 2020.

While the track of Hurricane Isaias is still uncertain, it appears increasingly likely that Virginia could see impacts and therefore must prepare for the possibility of flooding, high winds, and potential storm surge that could come along with a tropical storm or hurricane.

[Read the Full Press Release](#)

**Five Things to Know as Tropical Storm Isaias
Approaches**

Loudoun County encourages residents and businesses to take steps now to prepare for the potential impacts of Tropical Storm Isaias, which is expected to bring heavy rain and high winds to the area as the storm moves northward.

The National Weather Service has issued a flash flood watch for Loudoun County and the region, in effect from 11:00 p.m., Monday, August 3, 2020, to 11:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 4, 2020.



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Here are five things to know as heavy rain approaches Loudoun:

1. Know the Forecast
2. Prepare Your Property: Reduce the Risk of Damage to Structures
3. Prepare for Power Outages and Potential Hazards
4. Turn Around. Don't Drown!
5. Stay Informed

[Get More Details About Flood Preparedness](#)

Rebuild VA Economic Recovery Fund for Small Businesses: What to Know



Governor Northam is launching a new grant program for small businesses and nonprofits called Rebuild VA. The program will provide grants of up to 3 times the applicant's average monthly eligible expenses up to a maximum award

of \$10,000.

The application will become available on August 10, 2020.

These grants are aimed at assisting small businesses and nonprofits that have faced economic distress as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Eligible entities include those in the following industry sectors: restaurant and beverage service, non-essential retail, exercise and fitness, personal care and personal grooming, entertainment and public amusement, private campgrounds, and overnight summer camps.

This statewide program is capitalized with \$70 million, which means we will be able to assist approximately 7,000 businesses. Half of the proceeds will be directed toward small businesses and nonprofits located in economically disadvantaged areas, including ensuring adequate representation of women-owned and minority-owned businesses.

Upcoming Webinars: How to Apply

These sessions will go over the eligibility requirements and documentation needed to apply when the application opens on August 10th. Register for a session by clicking the link on the corresponding date:

[August 4th at 9:00 am](#)

[August 4th at 5:30 pm](#)

An Organization to Recognize: The Sterling Foundation

This week, I would like to recognize the Sterling Foundation for their hard work in keeping the community informed during these difficult times.

Below are a few initiatives that the Sterling Foundation has implemented or promoted over the course of the pandemic:

- Promoted small and independent restaurants in Sterling, pointing residents to those that offered curbside and contactless pickup.



- Later expanded this effort to other types of businesses that were open (with restrictions in place) or available for delivery and pickup both in Sterling and throughout Loudoun County.
- Reposted updates from local businesses and nonprofit organizations, as well as messages of encouragement, on the Sterling Foundation Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook pages.
- Recently restarted their community clean up efforts with [maintaining Sterling BLVD](#). Keeping the boulevard beautiful is a top priority for the Foundation.
 - Last week, over a [dozen volunteers](#) came out to pick up and remove trash from Sterling Boulevard.
 - Two weeks ago, Green Village Landscape assisted in [saving and repairing several trees](#) that were hit on the boulevard.

The Sterling Foundation has also decided to move forward with plans for SterlingFest 2020 in October, as well their very first car show! Stay up to date with the Sterling Foundation and their initiative by clicking the link below.

[Visit their site](#)

In-Person Meal Service Resumes at Senior Centers; Summer Camps Extended



Starting August 3, 2020, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services will open Loudoun County senior centers weekdays, 11:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m., for reserved congregate meal service only, with strict adherence to guidelines to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Seniors will receive a nutritious lunch and the opportunity for social interaction in a safe manner.

Also, the PRCS summer camp program has been extended for two weeks at six camp locations.

[Keep up to date with the status of PRCS programs and facilities](#)

Upcoming Loudoun Workforce Resource Center Virtual Workshops

Strategizing Your Job Search

In no small part due to COVID-19, today's job search process has changed tremendously. There is no magic solution to finding a job, but one thing is clear, you must search with a plan - intelligently and strategically.

Learn some of the valuable tips for strategizing and succeeding in your job search during the "Strategize Your Job Search" virtual workshop offered by the Loudoun County Workforce Resource Center **Tuesday, August 4, 2020, from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.**



[Find more details and a link to sign up for the workshop](#)

Virtual LinkedIn Checkups

The Loudoun Workforce Resource Center is offering individual Virtual LinkedIn Checkups to assist professionals with strengthening their online presence during this time of virtual job searches.

Thirty-minute appointments are available on **Wednesday, August 5, beginning at 9:30 am.** During individual 30-minute sessions, staff will evaluate the strength of your LinkedIn profile content and offer suggestions to optimize it.

The sessions are designed for experienced professionals.

[Register here](#)

LCPS Update



Important Information

LCPS Parent Resource Services has a robust website that features everything from directories of community services to archived videos of workshops.

Topics covered in previous workshops include everything from managing childhood anxiety to using the Naviance software system to assist students with college and career readiness.

Additional parent resources and tips include, but are not limited to:

- Navigating reading resources for distance learning
- Supporting behavior for learning at home
- Mental health, wellness, and community resources
- Quick Tips for Supporting Behavior and Emotional Learning in Arabic, English, Persian-Farsi-Dari, Spanish and Vietnamese

[Visit the Site](#)

Loudoun County Launches Online Process for Building Permits, Land Development Applications

Loudoun County is now accepting building permit and administrative land development applications electronically.

Homeowners and residential contractors can submit their completed application form and supporting documentation, including drawings and plats, in PDF format for most residential construction projects to the Department of Building and Development through the Loudoun County government website.



Building Permits
and Land Development Applications

loudoun.gov/bdapplyonline

Developers, builders, engineers, and architects can also submit most permit and administrative land development applications and plans to the Department of Building and Development online. Accepting applications and project files online is the first step in the county's multi-phase project to implement electronic review and mark-up of land development plans using cloud-based platforms.

Customers may still submit paper applications and plans, but are encouraged to use online services to reduce the number of visitors in the Government Center and reduce the risks associated with [COVID-19](#).

More information about the online submission process and requirements is available at loudoun.gov/bdapplyonline.

"Give Local, Save Local" Blood Drive Comes to Leesburg August 7



The Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System, Inova Loudoun Hospital and Inova Blood Donor Services encourage you to make a lifesaving appointment to donate at one of our upcoming community blood drives.

In an innovative new program, lifesaving blood products are being taken out of hospital trauma centers

and transported directly to injured or ill patients on the scene of the incident. Currently deployed in Loudoun and Fairfax Counties, the Field Available Coordinated Transfusion Response (FACT*R) program allows trained paramedics to transport and administer blood products in the field.

The success of the FACT*R program is directly impacted by the availability of blood products from Inova Blood Donor Services. "Blood products donated through Inova stay local, right here in the Northern Virginia region, so your donation is truly an example of neighbors helping neighbors," says Fire Chief Keith H. Johnson.

Make your appointment today!

August 7, 2020

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Ida Lee Recreation Center
60 Ida Lee Drive, NW, Leesburg, VA 20176
[Click here to Sign Up!](#)

Or Call [1-866-BLOODSAVES \(1-866-256-6372\)](tel:1-866-BLOODSAVES) and use sponsor code = 5245

Precautions will be taken to ensure proper social distancing and the use of face coverings

Loudoun County Advisory Boards, Commissions, and Committees

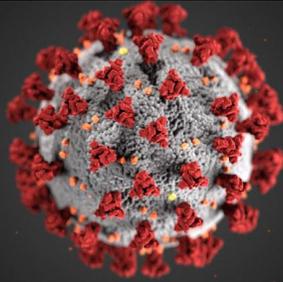
Loudoun County has many appointed advisory boards, commissions, and committees which are ways members of the community can share their experience and insight with various County agencies.

If you are looking to serve the community and have a passion for an area covered by a board, commission, or committee I encourage you to send me your resume at Koran.Saines@Loudoun.gov along with a brief statement on why you want to serve and what experience you would bring.

A full list can be found at <https://www.loudoun.gov/87/Advisory-Boards-Commissions-Committees> along with a description of what each entity is responsible for. If a vacancy exists, the page will indicate so. Even if there is no vacancy I encourage you to reach out anyway so we can have your information on file in the event a vacancy arises in the future.



Stay Informed!



The county continues to encourage everyone in the community to take steps to limit the spread of COVID-19, which include:

- Wear a mask/face covering ([see requirements](#))
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer only if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Avoid contact with sick people.
- Avoid non-essential travel.

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Loudoun County encourages residents to stay informed about COVID-19

- To receive email updates on COVID-19, visit loudoun.gov/coronavirus.
- Text **LCCOVID19** to **888777** to receive text alerts from Loudoun County about COVID-19.
- Envíe un mensaje de texto con **LCCOVIDESP** al **888777** para actualizaciones diaras relacionadas con el coronavirus (COVID-19) en el condado de Loudoun.

Residents with questions about COVID-19 may call the Loudoun County Health Department's information line, 703-737-8300, or email health@loudoun.gov.

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