

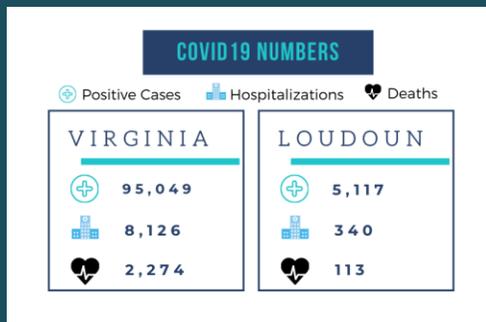


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COVID-19 Update



Local and State COVID-19 Trends

The number of confirmed positive cases in Loudoun County are up 24 since yesterday with no additional deaths. For more information, visit [VDH COVID-19 Daily Dashboard](#).

The Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association is reporting daily hospitalizations on the [VHHA dashboard](#).



Governor's Updates

Virginia is the first state in the country to design and launch a COVID-19 tracing application using Bluetooth Low Energy technology. It was developed by Apple and Google and does not rely on personal information or location data.

The innovative exposure notification app called COVIDWISE will alert users if they have been in close contact with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19, Governor Ralph Northam said in a press

release yesterday.

COVIDWISE was developed in partnership with the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) using funding from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act.

The free app is available to download through the App Store and the Google Play Store. COVIDWISE is the only app in Virginia allowed to use the exposure notifications system (ENS) application programming interface (API) jointly created by Apple and Google. Other countries, including Ireland and Germany, have successfully used this technology in similar apps.

Governor Northam also announced this week a bipartisan, multi-state compact to expand the use of rapid, point-of-care antigen testing, which delivers results in 15 to 20 minutes. The states of Virginia, Maryland, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, and Ohio are entering formal discussions with Becton Dickinson and Quidel (FDA-approved manufacturers of antigen tests) to purchase 500,000 rapid antigen tests per state in an effort to have a more broad testing strategy.

North Carolina just entered the compact as the 7th state. Governor Northam provided the following new information during the question and answer portion of today's press release:

- When might Virginia receive these 500,000 antigen tests?
 - The team does not have a timeline set yet.
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- Where will the tests be deployed?
 - Initially, they anticipate the tests could be used at long-term care facilities for testing staff and residents as well as at urgent care facilities, primary care doctors' offices, and emergency rooms. However, this is expected to change as they learn more and move forward.
- How much will the tests cost?
 - They do not know yet, but the intent of pooling the purchasing power of multiple states is to obtain the best price.

Read more about the testing [here](#).



LOUDOUN ACCEPTS ADDITIONAL \$36 MILLION IN CARES FUNDING

Loudoun County will receive another \$36 million in federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act money to help mitigate the financial

impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The county's first round of COVID funding was divided between towns and supporting Loudoun nonprofits, PPE acquisition, cleaning measures, and to provide telework resources for county employees.

The money will be spent on expenses incurred from the pandemic since March 1, must be spent by the end of the year, and does not represent any new funding that may become available as a result of current federal negotiations.

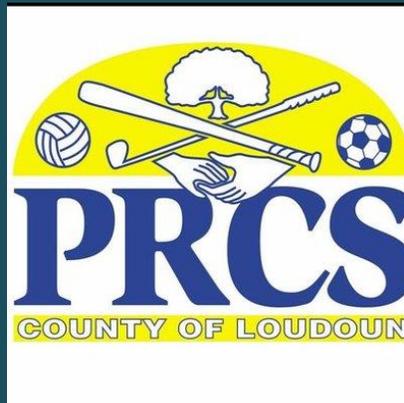


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If you are having difficulty paying your rent, newly published information from the County may help. It is important to know your rights. To access phone numbers, organizations and other resources that can provide legal assistance, download the flyer in [English](#) or [Spanish](#).

PRCS has extended Summer Daze camp by 2 weeks through August 21. These additional 2 weeks of camp will only be offered at these 6 locations: Horizon (Sterling), Balls Bluff (Leesburg), Newton Lee (Ashburn), Mill Run (Brambleton), Hutchison Farm (South Riding), and Lovettsville (western Loudoun). Registration is only open to those who have participated in the Summer Daze camp programs this summer. As such, PRCS will not be issuing a news release and staff has already notified these families by email regarding the additional 2 weeks of camp.

[Loudoun County Parks and Rec](#)





UNEMPLOYMENT RESOURCES

Are you facing unemployment? For information about unemployment insurance benefits, contact the Virginia Employment Commission at vec.virginia.gov or 866-832-2363. Once you have filed your initial claim, you must continue to file your weekly continuing claims either online

or by using the automated voice response system at 800-897-5630 to receive payment. If you are not eligible for regular/traditional unemployment insurance (individuals may include those who are self-employed, independent contractors, gig economy workers, clergy and those working for religious organizations), the CARES Act includes a provision for temporary benefits - called the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program. [Learn more about this program.](#)

Job Search Materials Available from the Loudoun Workforce Resource Center: The Loudoun Workforce Resource Center (WRC) is now taking requests for job search materials. To request your custom bag of resources, such as job search tips, how to prepare for a job interview, surviving a layoff, and more, [complete this online Resources To-Go request form](#) and the WRC will prepare a resource to-go bag for you. Your resources will be ready on the day you selected for pick-up from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Find your bag outside the WRC doorway located at 102 Heritage Way, First Floor, Rear Entrance, Leesburg, 20176.

Health Care Job Opportunities: Check out the Health Care Careers web page to explore job opportunities with local employers, find training providers for skills and certifications in various health care jobs, and learn about in-demand careers. Explore [Health Care Job Opportunities](#).



Just what is the proper way to wear a face mask?

The CDC wants us to wear a mask and offers this helpful [video](#) on social interacting, while staying safe.



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

Visit: www.loudoun.gov/CoronaVirus
Call: (703) 737-8300
Email: Health@Loudoun.gov

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