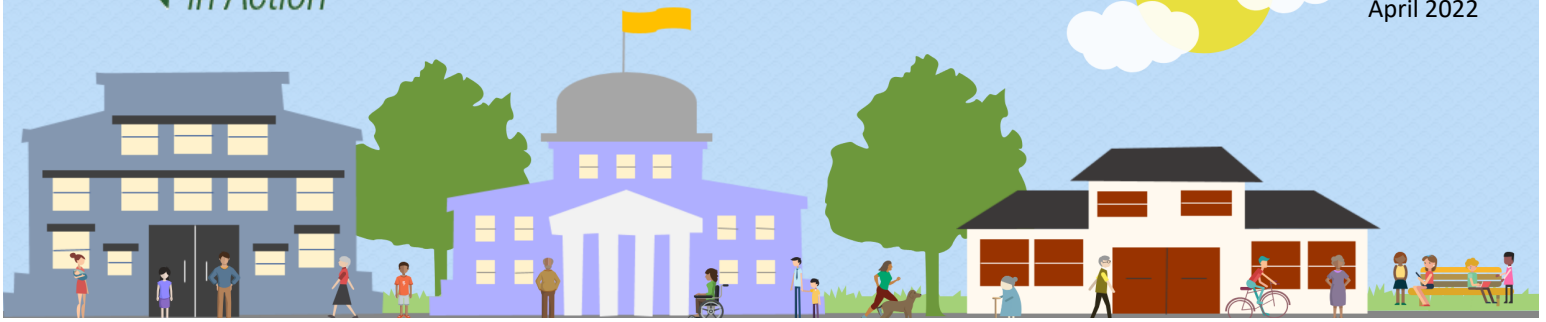




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## COVID- 19 Updates

Schedule your vaccine appointment via [Vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov).

For the latest on the vaccine, information can be found on the websites of the [Center for Disease Control](https://www.cdc.gov), [the Virginia Department of Health](https://www.vdh.virginia.gov), and the [Fairfax County Health Department](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health).

Fairfax County's vaccine progress can be seen [here](#).

An FAQ for the public can be found [here](#) and an FAQ for healthcare providers can be found [here](#).

Call FCHD's vaccine hotline at 703-324-7404 (Monday-Friday, 9am-7pm, Saturday and Sunday, 9:30am-5pm).

## [What You Need to Know About the Omicron BA.2 Sub-Variant](#)

## Health and Wellness

### **Promoting behavioral health**

[PRS CrisisLink's expansion](#)-Centralization of call centers and the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and in July 2022, the adoption of the national 988 number, a new 3-digit phone number to connect people with suicide prevention and mental health crisis counselors.

Inova is accepting applications for their [Health Equity Grants](#). If you have questions, please feel free to reach out and connect with our grants team via email at [HealthEquityGrants@Inova.org](mailto:HealthEquityGrants@Inova.org)

The Chris Atwood Foundation's Grief Support Group meets on the second and fourth Saturday of each month to provide support for people in recovery or active use who have lost a loved one to overdose. Contact Chrissy Chow at [chrissychow802@gmail.com](mailto:chrissychow802@gmail.com) for more information.

New [Blueprint for Youth Suicide Prevention](#), designed to support pediatric health clinicians in advancing equitable youth suicide prevention strategies

### **Community Foundation for Northern Virginia**

The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia released a new report: [Finding Our Way Back to Mental Health: The Need for Accessible, Affordable Treatment in the Midst of Collective Trauma](#). Here are the [recording](#), [slides](#), and [resources](#).

### **The Fairfax Area Agency on Aging invites you to their upcoming Health & Wellness Workshop for Family Caregivers of Older Adults and/or Adults with Disabilities.**

Yoga and Meditation for Stress Reduction Friday, April 8, from noon to 1:00 p.m. **Register here:** <https://bit.ly/StayingWell-123>

### **Mental Health First Aid**

[Mental Health First Aid](#) (MHFA) is releasing a series of [Mental Health Essentials webinars](#) designed to help women, girls and those who support them reduce stigma, build a culture of nonjudgmental listening and support community members who show signs of needing help.

### **Live Healthy Fairfax**

The Spring 2022 Meeting of the Partnership for a Healthier Fairfax is set for Thursday, May 12, 2022, 9:30 am – 11:30 am. To attend the PFHF 2022 Spring Meeting, register here: [Partnership for a Healthier Fairfax 2022 Spring Meeting Tickets, Thu, May 12, 2022 at 9:30 AM | Eventbrite](#)

### **Together We Rise Resilience Week: May 1-7**

The third annual Resilience Week Virginia! Click the link to find out more: [Resilience Week Virginia \(grscan.com\)](https://www.grscan.com)

### Community Engagement

#### Historical Marker Project

The Fairfax County School Board and the Board of Supervisors invites all K-12 students (public, private and homeschooled), classrooms and community youth groups in Fairfax County to participate in the initial [Historical Marker Project](#) and submit ideas for new Historical Markers throughout Fairfax County. Historical Markers commemorate an event, person, or location of historical significance within the county and the initial focus is on the Black/African American experience. This project is part of a larger [Black/African American Experience](#) project designed to capture, communicate, and preserve the Black/African American experience throughout Fairfax County's history.

#### New parent groups, in English and Spanish

Parents across NOVA are invited to join other families this spring to celebrate parenting #wins and address challenges in a safe, supportive environment. All groups are facilitated by family and youth experts. **Registration closes April 18th. Apply or learn more:** [Classes & Workshops | SCAN Families](#)

#### Registration Open: DV Network Tier 2 Training

**Exploring Consent, Boundaries, and Healthy Sexuality with Clients Impacted by Intimate Partner Violence.** April 19th, 2022 , 10am – 12pm. Registration link: <https://bit.ly/3LMpKMx>

#### Costco Wholesale

Costco Wholesale is offering grants of up to \$5,000 to nonprofit organizations that focus on children, education, health or human services in the communities Costco does business. You can access the application [here](#).

#### Boards, Authorities, and Commissions

There are a number of opportunities for residents to serve on one of the many Boards, Authorities, and Commissions (BACs) that reports to the Board of Supervisors. A full list of the Board's BACs can be found [here](#). Please send a resume and/or brief bio to [Chairman@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Chairman@fairfaxcounty.gov) or to Lindsey Martin, at [Lindsey.Martin@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Lindsey.Martin@fairfaxcounty.gov).

### SAVE THE DATE

### !NEW DATES!

#### A Virtual Meet and Greet with Suzette Reynolds

April 19th 7pm – 8:30pm

April 26th 12-1:30pm

We will be having two virtual meet and greet opportunities with the new Interfaith Coordinator, Suzette Reynolds. **More information to come We hope to see you all there!**



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### Share your Experience

#### Healthy Minds Fairfax

Healthy Minds Fairfax, a county initiative to increase equitable access to quality behavioral health services for children, youth, and their families, is working on putting together a plan for Fairfax County, and the cities of Fairfax and Falls Church to make sure that children, youth, and their families can easily get the services and support they need to take care of their mental health. We want to understand more about your experiences with mental health, what might make your mental health worse, where you turn for help for children, youth and their families, and the things that make it easier or harder to get help. We plan to gather information through surveys, community informational sessions, and meeting with groups and organizations.

Please complete and share the surveys today!

	For community leaders and providers:	For caregivers and family members:	For youth and young adults:
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### Supporting Afghan Refugees

If you are supporting or have an interest in supporting Afghan families please email [Afghanhelp@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Afghanhelp@fairfaxcounty.gov). You can share about a resource or donation that you would like to offer. You can also share about a need that you have helping a family. Thank you for continued support for members of our community.

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## Community Bulletin Board

The following public announcements are for interfaith meetings and activities sponsored by organizations within the community and are not specifically endorsed or sponsored by Fairfax County. These announcements are provided as a public service in the interest of expanding interfaith dialogue and goodwill. If you have an announcement you would like to share, please contact [NCsinterfaith@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:NCsinterfaith@fairfaxcounty.gov)

### **FEMA Non-Profit Security Grant (NSPG) Update**

Participate in upcoming NSGP 2022 webinars to learn about the program, priorities, eligibility and the application process. Register [here](#) for the next session on 04/01/22 at 3pm via Zoom. Additional information related to the NSGP can be found [here](#). If you have any questions regarding these webinars please contact [FEMA-NSGP@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-NSGP@fema.dhs.gov)

### **Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) Security Assessment at First Entry**

Security Assessment for Houses of Worship [Houses of Worship | CISA](#). The vulnerability self-assessment tool, as well as other helpful safety and security information for nonprofits, can be found at the Hometown Security website at [www.cisa.gov/hometown-security](http://www.cisa.gov/hometown-security).

### **U.S. CITIZENSHIP TEST PREPARATION On-line Class**

**For Permanent Residents Who Are Eligible For United States Citizenship** online classes Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7:00 - 8:45pm, April 14 - May 26. Choice of in-person or Zoom orientation on Tuesday, April 12th at 7:00pm at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Rd, Fairfax, VA 22032. Class size limited to 12 students. Sponsored by Lord of Life Lutheran Church with Congregation Olam Tikvah and Accotink Unitarian Universalist Church. Point of contact for questions: Alma Edgerly at [ESL1@lordoflifeva.org](mailto:ESL1@lordoflifeva.org). Register [here](#).

### **Coping During COVID: Strategies on Managing Stress for Faith and Community Organizations, Emergency Managers and First Responders**

The [Department of Homeland Security, Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships](#) hosted a webinar to support faith-based and community-based organizations, emergency managers and first responders who are responding to COVID-19 and/or have personally experienced the traumatic impact of COVID-19. You can see a recording of the webinar [here](#). This webinar addressed the stress and the social and emotional impacts associated with COVID-19 by learning from subject matter experts on mental health who provided perspectives that include communities of color and various faith traditions. The intent was to present strategies and/or resources that were applicable to all.

### **Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax**

**Follow up from Teaching Truth: Putting Students First** We plan to continue supporting school board activism and encourage everyone to get involved. School board meetings are coming up on Apr. 14 and 28. They are held at 7 p.m. at Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Rd., Falls Church. You can [sign up to speak here](#) (this opens up 2-10 days before the school board meeting)

**UUC Auction Donations and Volunteers Needed.** [Here](#) are some ideas for what to donate. Please donate by April 16th for the May 7th auction. If you would like to volunteer at the auction, [Sign up here](#).

### **Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions**

#### **Webinar on Innovative Local-Level Surplus Food Re-distribution: Case of Tafel, Germany**

Please join us April 18, 2022, from 12:00pm to 1:00pm for a discussion with Bastian Nadj of Tafel, in Stuttgart, Germany for a discussion about sustainable surplus food redistribution in his region and potential applications of lessons to Northern Virginia. [Sign-up here](#)

### **Tyson's Interfaith**

**Oneness Series:** You are invited to immerse yourself for an hour in Prayers and Meditations for Peace from an array of traditions as we collectively raise the consciousness of the world to Peace. Sunday April 3 at 2pm. To register, click here [Gather in Peace to Heal Our World Tickets, Sun, Apr 3, 2022 at 4:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)