

Sull-E Newsletter



March 26, 2020 Coronavirus Update

A Message from Kathy Smith

Starting tomorrow, March 27, 2020, Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) will be transitioning many of the grab and go meal sites at school locations to curbside service. Meal pick-up stations will be located in the bus lanes at the schools or in the kiss and ride area. Breakfast and lunch (both meals can be picked up at the same time) will be available from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Walk-ups are still welcome at all sites. More information is below.

Below is updated information regarding the Coronavirus situation in Fairfax County. This situation is continually evolving and my office will continue to inform the community as we receive information from our trusted sources. Please share this information with your family, friends, and neighbors. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time.

Sincerely,

Kathy

Reminders!

Volunteer Fire and Rescue Departments Hosting Blood Drives:

Tuesday, March 31, 2020

3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Centreville Volunteer Fire Department/Fairfax County Fire Station 17 (5856 Old Centreville Road, Centreville, VA 20121)

Several Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Volunteer Fire Departments are partnering with Inova Blood Donor Services to hold blood drives in their fire station parking lots. Due to current events, blood supplies in Fairfax County and the nation are at dangerously low levels and dropping. [Inova Blood Donor Services is taking all precautions as it relates to COVID-19.](#) There will be plenty of space to spread out and use appropriate social distancing. To help protect our firefighters and paramedics, access to the fire station is prohibited. To register to donate, please go to the [Inova Blood Donor Services web site](#).

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Donate Blood!

Due to cancelled blood drives, the [American Red Cross](#) is seeing an extreme shortage in blood donations. There is no evidence that the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) can be transmitted through blood. Right now, eligible and healthy donors are strongly urged to make an appointment to provide lifesaving blood products to patients. To make your appointment, [click here](#).

Department of Motor Vehicles Operating Status:

Effective March 18, 2020, all 75 DMV customer service centers are closed and all [DMV 2 Go](#) and [DMV Connect services](#) postponed until at least April 2, 2020 in response to the continued spread of novel coronavirus, or COVID-19. [Details](#)

FCPS Grab and Go Meal Sites Moving to Curbside Service



FCPS is transitioning many of the grab and go meal sites at school locations to curbside service **starting Friday, March 27, 2020.**

FCPS Food Distribution Locations in the Sully District:

- **Curbside Pick-up:**

- *Brookfield ES, [4200 Lees Corner Rd, Chantilly](#)
- *Centre Ridge ES, [14400 New Braddock Rd., Centreville](#)
- *London Towne ES, [6100 Stone Rd., Centreville](#)

- **Bus Route Meal Service:**

- *Bus Route 1 serving the Bull Run ES, Virginia Run ES, Liberty MS, Stone MS, Centreville HS, and Westfield HS areas. [Click here for route info.](#)

[View Complete List of Meal Sites and Times](#)

Curbside meal pick-up stations are generally located in the bus lanes at the schools or in the kiss and ride area. Look for the canopy tent along with Food and Nutrition Services staff, who will deliver meals directly to vehicles. Breakfast and lunch (both meals can be picked up at the same time) will be available from **9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** Those interested in picking up the meals are asked to follow the kiss and ride signage for traffic flow at the school. FCPS staff will deliver meals to children and adults while they wait in their cars in the kiss and ride line. Walk-ups are still welcome at all sites. Walkers are asked to use school sidewalks to safely navigate their walk to the pick-up stations.

As a reminder, it is important to follow [social distancing guidelines](#). Be sure to stand a minimum of 6 feet apart from others and practice regular hand washing, including prior to leaving a residence to pick-up meals, upon returning home, and before consuming food.

Coronavirus: Health Care Options for the Uninsured

As a resource for the nearly 8 percent of residents without health insurance, we are offering a list of clinics that offer low-cost or free medical care and pharmacies during the coronavirus outbreak.

[View List](#)

This list includes health care providers that offer primary care, dental care, behavioral health and pharmacies. These clinics and centers serve people who have no insurance or have Medicaid.

If you have coronavirus symptoms, call ahead to these clinics before you go, so they can put in place proper infection control measures. **Do not go unannounced.** Be sure to see the website as providers have various protocol in place for COVID-19, including telemedicine. Services are located throughout the Fairfax Health District from a variety of health care providers.

Unemployment Resources Available through Virginia Career Works Centers

The latest numbers released today from the U.S. Department of Labor show that nearly 3.3 million people filed for unemployment – an all time high.

For those affected here locally, job seekers and employers in Northern Virginia have access to [Virginia Career Works Centers](#) — a comprehensive system of employment and training services and resources delivered and coordinated through one-stop employment resource centers.

Although Virginia Career Works-Fairfax Centers are closed until further notices due to the coronavirus (COVID-19), services will continue to be offered through web-based and telephonic options.

This includes:

- Tools, resources and assistance for job searches, interview preparation and career advancement.
- Access to a bank of online employment resources and education and training options.
- Workforce information and local labor market information.
- Career coaching.
- Live job-seeker webinars.

We are still providing services remotely during regular business hours. Contact the centers below Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

- **Alexandria:** 703-704-6286, DFSVCWAlexandria@fairfaxcounty.gov
- **Annandale:** 703-533-5400, DFSVCWAnnandale@fairfaxcounty.gov
- **Reston:** 703-787-4974, DFSVCWReston@fairfaxcounty.gov
- **Fairfax:** 703-324-7280, DFSVCJCFairfax@fairfaxcounty.gov

For more information, visit our [Department of Family Services webpage](#).

Ways to Donate and Help During COVID-19



We know there have been many questions lately from our generous community about how you can help by donating supplies, equipment or money during the coronavirus pandemic.

To address this, we have created a new [Ways to Donate and Help webpage](#), which includes information on:

- **Donating to local nonprofits** – a list of nonprofit donation requests being collected by Volunteer Fairfax.
- **Volunteer options** – discover ways you can volunteer with the Medical Reserve Corps, Volunteer Fairfax’s directory of opportunities or the county government’s directory of opportunities.
- **Inova** – a webpage highlighting needs for supplies, as well as other ideas to help the healthcare community.
- **The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia** – details on the COVID-19 Response Fund for Northern Virginia.
- **Donation inquiries** – Volunteer Fairfax is collecting community non-profit needs donation needs and matching them with potential donors.
- **Donating blood** – how to schedule an appointment with the American Red Cross and Inova.
- **Neighbor-to-Neighbor program** – find out how your neighborhood community, HOA, or civic association can get involved.

For more information, visit the [Ways to Donate and Help During COVID-19 webpage](#).

County Operating Status

Updated as of March 26, 2020:

CLOSED:

- **Fairfax County Government Buildings:** Fairfax County will close all [government buildings and facilities](#) to the public starting Friday, March 27, 2020 at 5:00 p.m., until further notice. **However, the county government remains open for business online and by phone and mail.** Some specific public services may continue to be provided in-person as determined necessary by county agencies and employees will continue to be able to access these facilities. A full list of online service can be found on the county’s [Assistance from a Distance webpage](#).

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- **Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS):** All FCPS schools are closed through the end of the academic year in June. All extracurricular programs, athletic programs, and community use activities are cancelled through the remainder of the academic year. Food distribution at FCPS sites will continue as scheduled. [Details](#)
- **Fairfax County Park Authority:** Effective Tuesday, March 24, 2020, at 11:59 p.m., all Fairfax County Park Authority parks and amenities will be closed to the public until further notice. Park Authority closures include: parking lots, athletic fields, sport courts, restrooms, nature centers, visitor centers, golf courses, historic sites, picnic areas, playgrounds, amusements, boat launches, skate parks, off-leash dog areas, outdoor fitness equipment, and any areas for open recreation. Trails will remain open for individual use, but not group use. All social distancing recommendations are in effect.
- **Libraries:** All Fairfax County Public Library full-service locations will be closed until further notice. Due dates for all physical materials will continue to be extended to ensure that no late fees accrue while FCPL branches are closed. Please help FCPL by keeping your materials while the library is closed. For details, [click here](#).
- **Senior Centers and Adult Day Health Care Centers:** Effective immediately, all Fairfax County [Senior Centers](#) and [Adult Day Health Care Centers](#) are closed to participants until further notice.
- **Community Centers/Neighborhood Centers/Resource Centers and Teen Centers:** Effective immediately, NCS [Community Centers/Neighborhood Centers/Resource Centers](#) and [Teen Centers](#) are closed to participants until further notice.
- **Fairfax County Virginia Career Works Centers:** All centers are closed until further notice. [Details](#)
- **School Aged Child Care (SACC):** [SACC](#) is closed through March 27, 2020. SACC will not offer any spring break services as previously planned.

For more information, visit: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/status>.

Public Transportation Operating Status

Updated as of March 26, 2020: New information below is highlighted in yellow.

- **Fairfax Connector:** Beginning Tuesday, March 24, 2020, customers will be required to enter and exit the bus using the rear doors. Fare collection on buses will be temporarily suspended. While Fairfax Connector continues to operate at full service, the bus system will [alter its routes that serve the McLean and Van Dorn Metro stations](#) starting today. The service changes to seven routes are occurring because Metro has [temporarily closed these two rail stations](#), along with 15 others across the region. [Details](#)
- **Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA):** Beginning on Thursday, March 26, Metro will close [17 additional stations](#) following the closures of Smithsonian and Arlington Cemetery stations last week. The 19 stations will remain closed until further notice and trains will pass through without stopping. Even with the station closures, four out of five Metrorail stations will remain open for essential travel only. Metrorail, Metrobus, and MetroAccess are operating limited services and hours for essential trips only.
- **Virginia Railway Express (VRE):** Effective Tuesday March 17, 2020, VRE will operate at a reduced [“S” schedule](#) level. Only trains marked with an “S” on our schedule will operate. Amtrak is [operating on their reduced schedule](#), so no cross-honor step-up trains will be offered. For details, [click here](#).

Ways to Stay Informed About Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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Here is a list of ways you can stay updated on COVID-19 in Fairfax County.

Stay Informed:

- Call **703-267-3511** with Coronavirus (COVID-19) questions. A Health Department call center is open from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays and 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekends to help provide answers.
- Text **FFXCOVID to 888777** to receive updates from Fairfax County about COVID-19.
- Email ffxcovid@fairfaxcounty.gov with specific questions or concerns related to the coronavirus. This email account will be staffed Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., to respond to community questions.
- Visit the new [web portal for coronavirus](#) that will be updated regularly to provide a one-stop online resource for information about the COVID-19 situation in Fairfax County.
- Learn more about **COVID-19** on the Health Department Coronavirus (COVID-19) [Webpage](#) or [FAQ](#) page.

Subscribe for Updates:

In addition to checking our web portal for coronavirus, subscribe to these news feeds to get the latest information as it becomes available:

- Follow the [Fairfax County Government Facebook Page](#) and [Health Department Facebook Page](#)
- Follow [@fairfaxcounty](#) and [@fairfaxhealth](#) on Twitter
- Subscribe to the county's [Emergency Blog](#).

[Click here](#) to visit the Coronavirus webpage.

Fairfax County Public Schools: Coronavirus Update

- [Superintendent's Message to the Community Regarding Distance Instruction and Learning \(March 26, 2020\)](#)
- [Food Resources: For Those in Need, and How to Contribute](#)
- [Coronavirus Update - Superintendent's Messages to the Community](#)
- [Coronavirus Update - Academics and Continuity of Learning Plan](#)
- [Coronavirus Update - Mental Health and Community Resources](#)
- [Coronavirus Update - Videos and Fact Sheets](#)

Recent Headlines

Wednesday, March 25, 2020:

- [Social Distancing, Self-Isolating and Quarantine: What Do These Terms Mean?](#)
- [Three Inova Respiratory Illness Clinics Open Today](#)
- [Don't Flush Wipes Down the Toilet - Staying Safe During COVID-19](#)

Tuesday, March 24, 2020:

- [Fairfax County Extends Tax Deadlines for Car, Business, and Real Estate Taxes](#)
- [Video: Coronavirus 101 Health Department Presentation - English and Spanish](#)

Monday, March 23, 2020:

- [Governor Announces Business and School Closures Due to COVID-19](#)
- [Fairfax Connector Temporarily Suspends Fare Collection, Requires Rear Door Boarding Beginning March 24](#)

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Sunday, March 22, 2020:

- [Second Resident of The Kensington Tests Positive for COVID-19](#)

For older posts, visit: <https://fairfaxcountyemergency.wpcomstaging.com/>.

COVID 19
CORONAVIRUS DISEASE

STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS IN FAIRFAX COUNTY, VA

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.** Illustration shows two people shaking hands, with a person coughing nearby and virus particles floating in the air.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.** Illustration shows a person sneezing into a tissue.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.** Illustration shows a person touching their face with a red prohibition sign over the hand.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.** Illustration shows hands being washed with soap and water.
- Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.** Illustration shows a house with a person in bed inside.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.** Illustration shows hands being washed with soap and water.

For more information; go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health or email us at health@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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Ayude a prevenir la propagación de virus respiratorios como el nuevo COVID-19.

Evite el contacto cercano con las personas enfermas.



Cúbrase la nariz y la boca con un pañuelo desechable al toser o estornudar y luego bótelo a la basura.



Evite tocarse los ojos, la nariz y la boca.



Limpie y desinfecte los objetos y las superficies que se tocan frecuentemente.



Quédese en casa si está enfermo, excepto para buscar atención médica.



Lávese las manos frecuentemente con agua y jabón por al menos 20 segundos.



Para obtener más información: vaya a www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health envíenos un correo electrónico a health@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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