

Sull-E Newsletter



A Message from Kathy Smith

I was saddened to receive the news about the first confirmed death of a Fairfax County resident due to COVID-19. My heart goes out to their loved ones.

I urge you to follow the Health Department guidelines for [social distancing](#) and [hand washing](#) to lower the risk of transmission of COVID-19. We will get through this. We are all in this together.

Below is updated information regarding the Coronavirus situation in Fairfax County to assist and inform Sully District residents. 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.

Sincerely,

Reminders!

Board of Supervisors Meeting:

Tuesday, March 23, 2020

3:30 p.m.

Fairfax County Government Center (12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA 22035)
in Conference Room 11

The March 24 Board of Supervisors meeting that was originally scheduled for 9:30 a.m. in the Government Center Board Auditorium will now take place at **3:30 p.m. in Conference Room 11.**

The location change will allow board members to spread out more and adhere to current [social distancing guidelines](#) as a result of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

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The time change reflects the postponement of presentations to the community and most public hearings, with the exception of two that are time sensitive.

The agenda includes an emergency uncodified ordinance to establish methods to assure continuity in Fairfax County Government and conduct the Board of Supervisors meetings during the coronavirus (COVID-19) emergency, in addition to resolutions to extend the deadline to file Personal Property Taxes and Real Estate Taxes.

The full agenda can be [found online](#).

We invite you to watch or listen to this meeting using the following channels:
[Watch the online live stream](#).

- Watch it on TV on Cox channel 1016 or Verizon/Comcast channel 16.
- Listen to the live meeting audio by dialing 703-324-7700.

View the [video on demand](#) following the meeting.

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](#)

Gov. Northam's Update on the Coronavirus



Virginia Governor Ralph Northam issued a statewide order today to protect the health and safety of Virginians and to reduce the spread of the novel coronavirus. [Executive Order Fifty-Three](#) orders the closure of certain non-essential businesses, bans all gatherings of more than 10 people, and closes all K-12 schools for the remainder of the academic year. Governor Northam is also urging all Virginians to avoid non-essential travel outside the home, if and when possible. **This order goes into effect at 11:59 PM on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 and will remain in place until 11:59 PM on Thursday, April 23, 2020.**

To read the full news release, [click here](#).

Park Authority Playgrounds, Skate Parks, and Restrooms Closed Due to COVID-19

Effectively immediately, all Fairfax County Park Authority playgrounds, skate parks and restrooms will be closed until further notice.

Portable restrooms will be placed near all bathrooms. Signs will be posted at all affected locations. Park visitors are asked to adhere to all closure notices and current social distancing recommendations.

Health officials recommend refraining from playing on all playground equipment at this time, including community/neighborhood playgrounds.

More information is [available on the Park Authority webpage](#).

Fairfax Connector Temporarily Suspends Fare Collection, Requires Rear Door Boarding



[Fairfax County Department of Transportation \(FCDOT\)](#) announces that **beginning Tuesday, March 24, 2020, Fairfax Connector customers will be required to enter and exit the bus using the rear doors. This does not apply to customer--s who need to use a wheelchair ramp. Fare collection on buses will also be temporarily suspended** due to the location of fareboxes and SmarTrip equipment at the front entrance of buses.

FCDOT officials stress that these changes are being made to protect to the health and safety of Fairfax Connector employees, customers and the public as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to affected all aspects of travel in the National Capital Region. **Fairfax Connector service continues to be available to serve Fairfax County residents who have no alternate way to travel during this emergency.** FCDOT urges the public to please stay at home and avoid taking public transportation if you are not feeling well or have symptoms of illness.

For more information, [click here](#).

Fairfax County Police Department COVID-19 Business Practices

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Chief Edwin C. Roessler Jr. shares with the community the steps the Fairfax County Police Department is taking to improve the culture of safety at work and within the community to preserve the sanctity of all human life as we navigate the global COVID-19 health crisis. The following provides several adaptations to our business practices:

"To maintain a high level of customer service, enhancements have been made to our Community Reporting Section. The department has added staff and is available to take certain police reports over the phone. Community members are also encouraged to utilize the online reporting system which can be found [Here](#). The online reporting of Financial Crimes (FICOR), can be found [Here](#). For non-emergency situations or for those without internet access, please call 703-691-2131. If there is an emergency, as always, call 9-1-1. We shall continue to provide essential services through these practices."

To read the full article, [click here](#).

Inova COVID-19 Update



General Information on Inova's preparedness for COVID-19:

All Inova hospitals and care sites are open and serving patients. The most up to date information on Inova's response to the COVID-19 pandemic can be found at www.inova.org/covid19. Inova's team of clinical experts is up-to-date on developments and CDC guidelines, and has developed a comprehensive response plan to maintain the safety and well-being of our community.

What should I do if I have COVID-19 symptoms?:

- Seek advice from your regular healthcare provider to determine if a medical evaluation is needed;
- If you feel it is an emergency and you cannot wait, contact a local urgent care center or emergency room. Ask for instructions regarding accessing the facility.
- Practice "social distancing" by avoiding mass gatherings and maintaining distance (approximately 6 feet) from others when possible

Is COVID-19 testing available through Inova?:

Yes, testing is available across the Inova system based on clinical criteria outlined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Virginia Department of Health.

At this time Inova does not offer drive-thru screening and testing. Inova has explored drive-thru testing, however due to limited testing kits available nationwide, Inova evaluates all patients and ensures necessary testing is conducted while preserving the capability to continue sustained testing.

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Critical need for blood donation:

Inova is currently experiencing a shortage of blood supply and inventory is expected to continue to drop with the shortage of donors due to COVID-19. Inova Blood Donor Services has implemented extra precautions to protect donors - it is safe to give blood, and your donation will save a life. Make an appointment at www.inovablood.org or 800-BLOOD-SAVES.

Visitation:

Inova Health System will be suspending all in-person visitation as of Saturday, March 21, 2020 at 8 p.m. and encouraging video meetings between patients and loved ones. Understanding that a family member, caregiver or visitor may be crucial for clinical and patient care, exceptions to Inova's Visitation Guidance can be made in extenuating circumstances.

More information on the temporary visitation restrictions may be found at www.inova.org/about-inova/temporary-visiting-hours.

Telemedicine:

With the philosophy of trying to limit risk of exposure and spread of COVID-19 and to help our clinicians with greater flexibility to safely treat our patients, Inova has adopted a system-wide initiative that will allow patients to receive a wider range of healthcare services without having to travel to an Inova healthcare facility.

Beginning Thursday, March 19, Inova will offer the option for appointments to be conducted via telemedicine (video or phone), with flexibility to meet in person if a clinician determines necessary.

How can I protect myself?:

The best way to protect yourself and your community against the spread of COVID-19 is to avoid being exposed to the virus by:

- Practicing good hand hygiene,
- Covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue or the using the inside of your elbow,
- Avoiding close contact with people who are sick by practicing social distancing of six feet or more,
- Cleaning high-touch surfaces regularly, and
- Staying home if you feel sick.

For more information on how to protect yourself, visit www.cdc.gov or www.vdh.virginia.gov.

County Operating Status

Updated as of March 23, 2020: New information is highlighted below in yellow.

CLOSED:

- **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:** All Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) indoor facilities remain closed. This includes RECenters, nature centers, historic sites, visitor centers, equestrian facilities, golf courses, preschools, etc. Effective immediately, all Fairfax County Park Authority playgrounds, skate parks, and restrooms will be closed until further notice.

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- Portable restrooms will be places near all bathrooms. All Park Authority programs and events through April 14, 2020 have been cancelled. Open-air parks and trails remain open, but we ask visitors to adhere to social distancing guidelines. For details, [click here](#).
- **Department of Family Services (DFS):**
 - *Financial and Medical Assistance lobbies at each of DFS' locations (Fairfax, South County, Annandale, and Lake Anne) will be closed to walk-in visitors starting Friday, March 20, 2020. [Get Assistance from a Distance](#).
 - *All Domestic and Sexual Violence Services' (DSVS) individual and group therapy services are suspended until further notice. The DSVS 24-hour hotline is still available 703-360-7273. Learn more about [DSVS](#).
- **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. Additionally, beginning Monday, March 16, Fairfax County will provide meal delivery service to registered participants who wish to obtain them.
- **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.

OPEN:

- **Courts:** Open, but with limited services. **Fairfax County's courts have cancelled most of their hearings and trials due to the coronavirus.** The Supreme Court of Virginia [declared a judicial emergency](#), and it ordered that all non-essential, non-emergency proceedings for circuit and district courts be suspended. Click the links below for more information.
 - *[Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court](#)
 - *[Fairfax City and Fairfax County General District Courts](#)
 - *[Fairfax County Circuit Court](#)
- **Fairfax County Animal Shelter:** Open, but with limited services. Changes are effective immediately and will be in place through April 15, 2020. Essential services and programs will continue with modifications. For details, [click here](#).

Public Transportation Operating Status

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Updated as of March 23, 2020:

- **Fairfax Connector:** Regular service in effect system-wide. 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. [Details](#)
- **Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority:** Public urged to use Metro for essential trips only. For details, [click here](#).

***Metro**rail: Trains will operate every 20 minutes on all lines except the Red Line. Red Line trains will operate every 15 minutes.

***Metro**bus: Buses will run on a [modified Sunday schedule](#). Supplemental trips will not operate; however, some routes that provide weekday-only service to essential federal workplaces have been added to the schedule. Visit [wmata.com](#) for [a list of routes that are – and are not – operating](#) this week. Riders are required to enter and exit the bus using the rear doors. Fare collection will be temporarily suspended.

***Metro**Access: All subscription trips are cancelled until further notice. Customers with a critical need to travel should make a separate reservation calling 301-562-5360 (TTY 301-588-7535) or via the online reservation system.

- **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)

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](#)

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- 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

- [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

Sunday, March 22, 2020:

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

Saturday, March 21, 2020:

- [Fairfax County Health Department Reports First COVID-19 Death in the Fairfax Health District](#)

Friday, March 20, 2020:

- [Mental Health - Take Care Both Physically and Emotionally During Coronavirus](#)
- [Neighbor 2 Neighbor Program: Another Way to Help Out in Your Community](#)
- [Health Director and County Executive Provide Updates About COVID-19 on Connect with County Leaders](#)
- [Park \(Indoor\), Library, and Other Community Facilities to Remain Closed Until Further Notice](#)
- [How to Support Local Businesses During COVID-19](#)

Thursday, March 19, 2020:

- [Keeping Children Safe in Child Care Programs During COVID-19](#)
- [Low-Interest Loans Now Available for Fairfax County Businesses Impacted by Coronavirus](#)
- [Update on COVID-19 Testing in Fairfax County](#)
- [Health Department Announces Positive Case of Coronavirus in Senior Living Center](#)
- [COVID-19 Mental Health Resources](#)

Wednesday, March 18, 2020:

- [Find Food Resources in Fairfax County During COVID-19 Emergency](#)
[Video: What is a Contact Investigation for COVID-19?](#)

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Tuesday, March 17, 2020:

- [Contact Coordinated Services Planning \(CSP\) for Basic Needs Assistance](#)
- [Video: Social Distancing and Other Health Tips](#)
- [Donating to and Supporting Local Community-Based Organizations](#)
- [Fairfax County Declares Local State of Emergency for Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [Most Court Cases Canceled Following State Supreme Court Order](#)

Monday, March 16, 2020:

- [4 Ways to Stay Engaged During Social Distancing](#)
- [5 Tips to Help Your Neighborhood Prepare During This Time](#)

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.**
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.**
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.**
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.**
- Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.**
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.**

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

CDC

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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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