



Broad Run Blast

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Dear Broad Run Friends and Neighbors,

I imagine that your lives feel different than they did a few weeks ago, and I hope everyone is doing as well as can be expected during this situation. I want to thank you all for the sacrifices you are making, and for following the Governor's social distancing and stay-at-home recommendations.

In this update you will find information about Loudoun's budget for the fiscal year 2021 that the Board adopted last Tuesday. You will also find the latest information on coronavirus here in Loudoun ([we are at 274 cases](#)). Toward the bottom of the update you will find a Spanish translation resource for

Loudoun.gov. Additionally, I want to strongly encourage everyone to fill out the 2020 Census online.

Lastly, Loudoun County Government is here to help, so please feel free to reach.

Warm Regards,
Sylvia

Board of Supervisors Adopts FY 2021 Budget; Lowers Tax Rate by One Cent; Budget Addresses Pandemic

The Board of Supervisors has approved a budget totaling approximately \$3.0 billion in total appropriations for the general county government and school system for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021. The adopted budget includes a real property tax rate of \$1.035 per \$100 in assessed value, one cent lower than the current tax rate. In adopting the FY 2021 budget, the Board recognized the uncertain financial future the county faces due to the COVID-19 pandemic and took action to give the county government flexibility in managing the unknown economic impacts.

The Board approved County Administrator Tim Hemstreet's recommendation that the county plan for a revenue shortfall in FY 2021 of up to \$100 million as revenues within the FY 2021 budget were constructed on assumptions of economic growth that are unlikely to be fully realized due to COVID-19. \$100 million in planned FY 2021 expenditures will be placed into a reserve that will be split between the general county government and Loudoun County Public Schools, with \$40 million designated for county government expenditures and \$60 million for LCPS. These funds will be held in reserve until released by the Board, if revenues materialize to support these expenditures. When including the \$60 million of reserved LCPS expenditures, the FY 2021 budget fully funds the School Board's February 4, 2020, adopted budget request.

For the \$40 million in county government-reserved expenditures, this freeze includes most new expenditures in the FY 2021 budget, including: the 3.5% merit increase for eligible county employees and step increase for public safety employees; implementation of the classification and compensation study; operating and maintenance adjustments; and new departmental resource requests for capital facility openings and departmental priorities.

Mr. Hemstreet also is taking action to limit expenditures in the remaining months of FY 2020, which ends June 30, 2020. This includes instituting a hiring freeze for vacant positions and directing departments to limit all non-essential operating and maintenance expenditures for the rest of the fiscal year.

Capital Improvement Program

The Board also adopted the Amended FY 2021-2026 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) that totals \$2.9 billion for the six-year planning period and includes county and school projects. Transportation projects account for the largest expenditure percentage at 40 percent. They include widening a portion of eastbound Route 7 between Loudoun County Parkway and Route 28 and an intersection improvement on Shellhorn Road. Other new projects include the Broad Run Farms waterline extension, planning for a linear parks and trails system, and critical technology infrastructure projects for the county government. School projects account for 27 percent of the CIP, which incorporates the School Board's adopted capital plan and accommodates all school projects.

In adopting the budget, the Board also temporarily paused new capital projects that include debt financing until conditions improve for the county to enter the municipal debt market.

The FY 2021 budget will go into effect July 1, 2020, while the new tax rates are effective as of January 1, 2020, and will be used for the spring tax collection. More information about the budget process is online at loudoun.gov/budget.

Individual Tax Payments

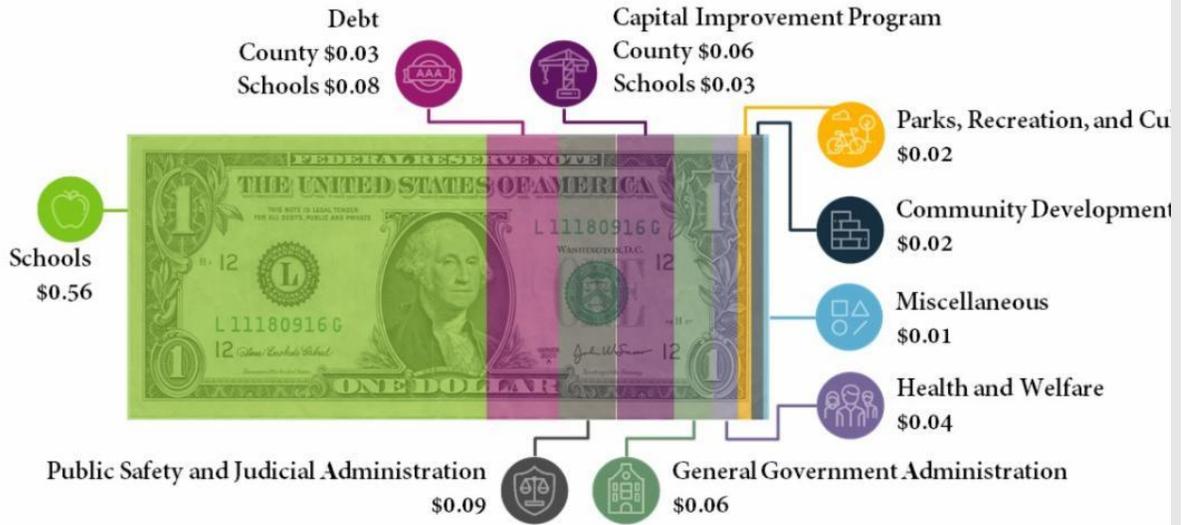
While the tax rate has decreased to \$1.035 per \$100 in assessed value on real property, not all individual tax bills will adjust according. Some residents will see increased tax bills even though the tax rate decreased, as their real property assessments increased over last year. On the other hand, some residents may see a decrease and some may see almost no change at all.

Due to the unpredictability of the COVID-19 situation, if you feel you may have difficulty paying your personal or real property tax bill this year, please call the Loudoun Treasurer's Office. The Treasurer's office will address individual issues on a case by case basis and the staff will be as compassionate as possible with all residents. Contact information can be found here:

[Loudoun.gov/Treasurer](https://loudoun.gov/Treasurer)

Your Tax Dollar at Work

Adopted FY21 Budget



Loudoun County Creates Interactive Maps to Help Loudoun Residents and Businesses During Pandemic

How to Support Local Businesses



Remember that these businesses make Loudoun a great place to live, work and visit. Now more than ever, we need your support.

Loudoun's Department of Economic Development and Office of Mapping and Geographic Information have created maps that aim to consolidate information and resources that are beneficial during COVID-19. The maps can be viewed at

loudoun.gov/COVIDresourcesmap and will be updated as hours, services, and conditions change

The first map features restaurants and retail businesses with takeout, curbside or delivery options. If you would like to have your business added to the map, you can make a request [here](#).

The second map helps residents find grocery stores and pharmacies with designated hours for vulnerable individuals. These shopping hours are designated for older adults, as well as individuals with underlying health issues or compromised immune systems, who are at greater risk of complications from COVID-19. The searchable map also links to the stores' websites, which include contact information. You can search by a street address and view which stores have modified hours.

The third interactive map on the site helps residents find food assistance sites, including food banks, pantries and prepared meals. The searchable map also includes links to the organizations' websites.

The last map links to the Loudoun County Public Schools meal distribution sites.

Respond to the 2020 Census

Reminder: The 2020 Census is Open - Help Loudoun Families by Responding Today.

Responding to 2020 Census is one more way you can help Loudoun families during times of need, now and for the next 10 years. Your Census response helps fund our schools, healthcare services, affordable housing, roads, and more. The safest way to answer is at home and online—if you have not received Census mail, you can still respond. Take 10 minutes and be counted at 2020Census.gov.

5 Frequently Asked Questions about the 2020 Census

Below are answers to 5 common questions my office has received about the 2020 Census. Please share with your neighbors and network to ensure Everyone Counts.

1. I have not received any Census mail—can I still respond? Yes. Simply visit 2020Census.gov, click 'Respond', and follow the prompts that indicate you do not have a Census ID.
2. I received a security error when I attempted to respond online. Can I try again? Yes. The Census Bureau has multiple layers of security to detect potential online threats, and sometimes there are mistakes. Try switching your browser and return to 2020Census.gov to respond. If you have additional issues, please call 1-844-330-2020.
3. How long does it take to respond to the Census? Most households can respond to the Census in 10 minutes or less.
4. Do children count on the Census form? Yes, everyone from 1 day old to over 100 years old in your home should be counted on your Census form. If you have a student in college that lived in on-campus housing, he/she will be counted by the university. If the student lived in off-campus housing, if possible, he/she should be counted online using their off-campus address because they live there most of the time.
5. Will Census employees still be going door to door for residents that don't respond online? The in-person visits by Census employees have been delayed to the end of May, and further delays may occur. Residents can respond before that time online, by phone, or by paper form to avoid an in-person visit.

Paper Census Forms Arriving This Week

The Census Bureau will be mailing paper forms this week to households that have not responded to the 2020 Census online. If you know a resident who will only respond by paper form, please remind them to do so as this mailer will be the only way to receive a form.

You can still respond online at 2020Census.gov. If you have questions or problems with the form, please call 1-844-330-2020. Thank you for taking the time to ensure adequate representation, funding, and help for Loudoun families for the next 10 years.

Volunteer with the Loudoun County Medical Reserve Corps

Volunteers working to protect you, your family, and your community.

Anyone who wants to help the Health Department keep Loudoun County residents safe and protect the public's health should join the Medical Reserve Corps. No medical experience necessary!

In a bioterrorism event or mass epidemic, the Loudoun County Health Department is prepared for the possibility of opening emergency mass vaccination and medication dispensing clinics. Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers, both nonmedical and medical, would be key to staffing these sites. Nonmedical Volunteers would perform key clinic roles such as registration, data entry, language translation, medical personnel assistance, and directing foot traffic. MRC members can also assist with other public health responses in our community.

When you join

- Receive free training on such topics as CPR, first aid, incident command, and emergency preparedness
- Play a significant role in keeping your family and community safe.

Requirements

- A Loudoun County resident at least 16 years old
- Have no personal or professional commitment that would prevent serving in an emergency
- Undergo a free reference or background check
- Complete an orientation session
- Optional: Complete incident command class

Interested in becoming an MRC volunteer?

Learn more and contact us by emailing mrc@loudoun.gov or visiting Loudoun.gov/mrc.

Beware of COVID-19 Scams

Beware of COVID-19 scammers trying to use your compassion or fear of the virus against you. [Learn more \(PDF\)](#).

- The Virginia Coronavirus Fraud Task Force and Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigations are warning taxpayers to be alert about possible scams relating to [COVID-19 economic impact payments](#).
- [The Virginia Coronavirus Fraud Task Force](#)
- Eastern Virginia Coronavirus Fraud Coordinator, Assistant U.S. Attorney [Email Kaitlin F. Cooke](#) or 804-819-5416.
- To report fraudulent activity to the Virginia State Police, Virginians can [Email Virginia Fusion Center](#).

- To report a COVID-19 fraud scheme or suspicious activity, contact the National Center for Disaster Fraud (NCDF) by calling the NCDF Hotline at 1-866-720-5721 or [send an email](#).

Coping with Stress During COVID-19

The outbreak of COVID-19 may be stressful and overwhelming for some. Consider these resources for information for yourself and your family:

- [Coping with Stress During COVID-19 Outbreak](#)
- [Helping Children Cope with Stress During COVID-19](#)
- If you are experiencing a behavioral health crisis, Emergency Services are available 24 hours daily, seven days per week at 703-777-0320.

For general information questions, email asktheMHSADSDirector@loudoun.gov or call 703-771-5155.

Loudoun Urges Residents to Delay Putting Out Yard Waste for Pick Up

To prevent overwhelming the waste collection and disposal operations in the county, Loudoun County officials are asking residents to reduce yard waste during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Some trash haulers have recently notified customers that they may reduce service as a result of the pandemic. Yard waste is considered a recyclable material and under local ordinance, it must be sorted and recycled separately from household solid waste and collected by all major waste haulers. Loudoun County is required by the state of Virginia to recycle 25 percent of its Municipal Solid Waste stream.

The recycling of yard waste also benefits the Loudoun County landfill by diverting this material from consuming space reserved for garbage. Currently all yard waste collected curbside is diverted from the Loudoun County landfill and taken to several local composting facilities that rely on the material supply to stay in operation. If this were not the case, the landfill would have difficulty processing the inflow of yard waste.

In 2019, Loudoun recycled about 15,000 tons of yard waste, which equaled about 13% of the county's 118,000 tons of total recycled waste.

Loudoun County is also reminding waste haulers that they are required to pick up yard waste in accordance with the county's ordinances. Loudoun County [regulates the issuance of permits to businesses that provide solid waste collection services](#), including recycling services, in the county.

Residents who have questions should contact their waste haulers directly and ensure that this service will continue as required. Residents who have a question or concern about their waste collection may submit their question through the [Loudoun Express Request system](#).

Domestic Abuse Response Team Reaches Out to Help During COVID-19

Avoiding public spaces and working remotely can help reduce the spread of COVID-19, but for many survivors, staying home may not be the safest option.

"People who are surviving violence in their relationships and families may be experiencing increased isolation and danger caused by social distancing measures during the COVID-19 pandemic," said Josephine Gonzalez, Loudoun Domestic Abuse Response Team program manager.

Loudoun County domestic and sexual violence service providers want residents to know:

- The DART team is still at work to protect survivors.
- Everyone deserves to feel safe in their homes and live a life free of violence.

The DART team includes advocates, service providers, law enforcement, and legal professionals, who mobilize to support survivors' needs. The team has developed a [video](#) and [webpage](#) to highlight available resources.

To get help in Loudoun County:

- Call or text 9-1-1 if anyone is in immediate danger.
- Call Loudoun County's Domestic and Sexual Violence hotline 24 hours a day, every day: 703-777-6552.
- Call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233 or TTY 1-800-787-3224. If you're unable to speak safely, you can log onto thehotline.org or text LOVEIS to 22522.
- Call the National Sexual Assault Hotline (RAINN) at 800-656-HOPE (4673). Survivors can call RAINN or chat on the [website](#). It's free and confidential.
- Visit loudoun.gov/DART.

Make a Plan

A safety plan is a personalized, practical plan that includes ways to remain safe and that can help a survivor avoid dangerous situations. An individual safety plan should be tailored to a person's specific situation. For help with safety planning, call the Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter Hotline and speak to an advocate: 703-777-6552.

What You Can Do to Help Others

Everyone can play a role in preventing domestic violence. "If you're concerned about a friend or family member, it's more important than ever to check in with them," said Gonzalez. "Encourage people who are experiencing abuse to make a safety plan, call for help and guidance and let them know that the abuse is not their fault. Let them know you are there to listen, help and support them without judgement."

Loudoun Address Concerns about Animals and COVID-19

Loudoun County officials are offering advice to residents concerning interactions with animals during the COVID-19 pandemic. While there is no evidence that pets or livestock can transmit the virus to people, researchers are investigating whether animals can contract the virus from humans. Basic hygiene and distancing measures are recommended to keep everyone safe:

- Wash your hands before and after handling pets, even your own.
- Avoid sneezing or coughing on your pet.
- Keep your distance from other people's pets and animals. Don't allow people outside of your household to pet your animals. Don't touch animals that are not your own.
- Always avoid interacting with or feeding wild animals.

If you become ill, follow the [CDC's guidance](#). Consider having a friend, neighbor or family member provide care to your pets while you recover. If you do not have someone to help with care, practice good hand-washing and avoid sneezing or coughing on your pet.

If you have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and cannot leave your home to get pet food, contact the Department of Animal Services for assistance. The department can facilitate the delivery of up to two weeks of pet food to your home. Anyone who has questions about COVID-19 and animals or needs assistance may call the Department of Animal Services at 703-777-0406 or send an [email](#).

Inova Health 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 [inova.org/covid19](https://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, contact a local urgent care center, Respiratory Illness Clinic, 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;
- If you are experiencing a fever or symptoms of respiratory infection, such as cough or difficulty breathing, or had exposure to a COVID-19 patient and traveled to a high-risk area classified by the CDC, please contact Inova at 855-IMG-DOCS so we can assist you and arrange a clinic appointment if needed. Unless it is an emergency, please do not show up at an Inova site for COVID-19 screening without calling ahead.

Is COVID-19 testing available through Inova?

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

Inova Urgent Care (UCC) locations at **Dulles South**, **North Arlington** and **Tysons** are staffing Respiratory Illness Clinics to evaluate all patients with respiratory illness symptoms. These clinics will also be able to collect samples via physician ordered and coordinated vehicle-side appointments for COVID-19 testing.

Before visiting any Inova Respiratory Illness Clinic, take the following steps:

1. Contact your regular physician for evaluation. For assistance with recommendations, to arrange for a physician appointment, or if you do not have a primary care physician, call 1-855-IMG-DOCS.
2. Your regular physician should evaluate your symptoms to determine if testing is needed based on COVID-19 testing criteria, provide a testing order, and coordinate your referral to the Inova Respiratory Illness Clinic for evaluation.
3. Upon arrival at the Inova Respiratory Illness Clinic, a clinician will greet the patient at their vehicle to collect samples for a physician-ordered test, or escort the patient into the respiratory clinic for evaluation.
4. For patients who undergo COVID-19 testing, an Inova nurse will contact those whose results are negative. For patients with positive results, an Inova nurse will coordinate with the patient's regular physician for notification and further instructions. Patients who are tested can expect results in roughly 4-7 days.
5. Addresses and contact information for the Inova Respiratory Illness Clinics are as follows:
 - **Inova Urgent Care – Dulles South:** 24801 Pinebrook Road, #110, Chantilly, Virginia 20152; 703-722-2500
 - **Inova Urgent Care – N. Arlington:** 4600 Lee Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22207; 571-492-3080
 - **Inova Urgent Care – Tysons:** 8357 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, Virginia 22182; 571-665-6440

Inova Urgent Care Centers at Dulles South, North Arlington, and Tysons are currently operating exclusively as Respiratory Illness Clinics. All other Inova urgent care centers remain open to see all patients from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. daily, including weekends. They can be found at [inoa.org/urgentcare](https://www.inova.org/urgentcare).

How can the public help Inova during this time?

Individuals and businesses across our region have been extremely generous in offers for support, small and large. Inova has established a centralized online resource for opportunities for community support at [inoa.org/icanhelp](https://www.inova.org/icanhelp).

Additionally, Inova Blood Donor Services has experienced great community support, however the need for blood is continual and the supply changes daily depending on collections and patient needs. Donated blood has a shelf life of 42 days and donated platelets have a shelf life of 5 days.

Inova Blood Donor Services needs donors to sign up now for an appointment to donate blood during the next six weeks at a Donor Center location. 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 [inovablood.org](https://www.inovablood.org) or 800-BLOOD-SAVES.

Visitation

Inova Health System has suspended all in-person visitation and is 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.

For more information, visit [Inova's visitation policy webpage](#).

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.

Inova offers 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, and 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 [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) or [vdh.virginia.gov](https://www.vdh.virginia.gov).

Loudoun Residents Prove Generous in Donating Personal Protective Equipment; County Continues to Accept PPE for Distribution

Loudoun County residents have responded generously to the county government's call for donations of personal protective equipment (PPE) for distribution to Loudoun-based health care providers and facilities in need. Since the county began accepting donations of PPE March 30, 2020, the amount of equipment distributed includes:

- 2,725 gloves.
- 820 N95 respirators.
- 295 surgical masks.
- 202 disposable gowns.

County officials remind residents to be cautious when considering making any sort of donation associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. Some groups or individuals may try to profit from the pandemic by soliciting donations of PPE and then selling the equipment. Donating equipment to the Loudoun County government for distribution is safe and ensure the PPE will be distributed to organizations with critical needs.

Donations

The need for PPE in our region continues. Any donated supplies may be opened, but must be unused. Individuals and organizations with personal protective equipment to donate should submit an online form with details about the available equipment at loudoun.gov/ppe.

Requests for Equipment

The county is also fielding requests from Loudoun-based health care providers and facilities in need of personal protective equipment. Requests can be made through a form online at loudoun.gov/ppe. Organizations that have previously submitted requests for and received PPE may submit additional request forms if they have additional needs. They will be contacted by a county representative to coordinate the receipt of donated items if resources are available.

Traducir Loudoun.gov a Español

El condado de Loudoun ha producido recursos adicionales para asistir los residentes que hablan español para que tengan acceso a información relevada a COVID-19 en el sitio web del condado.

Estos recursos de instrucción están en español y ayudan al usuario acceder la pagina de loudoun.gov, en la cual permite traducir el sitio web para poder navegar los contenidos más recientes de COVID-19. El condado también ha consolidado una pagina que incluye recursos en español para ayudar nuestros socios en la comunidad poder difundir información relacionada a COVID-19 mediante sus canales y redes de comunicación a nuestros residentes que hablan español. Al final del mensaje también puede encontrar un video que demuestra como traducir el sitio de web de CDC en español.

[Como traducir Loudoun.gov a español](#) - instrucciones en forma de video

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[Recursos en español](#)

Stay Informed

This is a rapidly changing situation, sometimes by the hour, and information is being shared as it becomes available. Below are local to worldwide resources.

- [Loudoun County Government](#)
- [Loudoun County Public Schools](#)
- [INOVA Health](#)
- [Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority \(WMATA\)](#)
- [Virginia Department of Health \(VDH\)](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)
- [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#)

The Loudoun County Health Department has a public information line for questions from Loudoun County residents.

- Email the Health Department at health@loudoun.gov
- Call the information line at 703-737-8300
 - Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
 - Saturday-Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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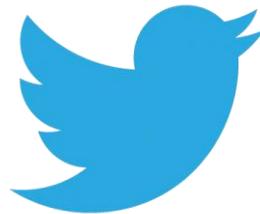
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to **888777**

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