



## COVID-19 Updates

**Temporary Shelter During COVID-19:** In response to the COVID-19 public health emergency and the need to isolate and quarantine individuals to prevent the spread of the virus, Fairfax County has activated Emergency Support Function 6: Mass Care Health and Human Services. As a result, the county will provide Quarantine, Protection, Isolation/Decompression (QPID) emergency housing for those who have met the eligibility criteria and are unable to safely practice infection control. **The Fairfax County Isolation/Quarantine Hotels are temporary sheltering sites only and do not provide health care services.** This sheltering is not an alternate care site and hotel placements are available only to individuals who can do their own self-care and are independent in their care; or in the case of people experiencing homelessness, utilizing the care options available to them routinely. Health care providers will not be on-site to provide to health care needs. If you have additional questions about whether you meet the criteria for these temporary shelters, please call the **Fairfax County Health Department Call Center at 703-267-3511.**

**COVID –19 Testing locations can be found HERE**

**NEW** In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the **Virginia Department of Health, Office of Health Equity**, will be providing **cloth face masks** to faith and interfaith communities (places of worship) for the Commonwealth of Virginia through our Virginia Partners in Prayer and Prevention programming. There is no cost for these masks. Supplies are limited. Please share this information with your communities. The request form is here: <https://redcap.vdh.virginia.gov/redcap/surveys/?s=MPF7LYP7N4>

**NEW Fairfax County Health Department** will play a role in the distribution of a COVID-19 vaccine. The Health Department wants to make sure that this vaccine is readily available to everyone in Fairfax equitably and provided by doctors who are already trusted in the various ethnically and culturally diverse communities across the county. At this time they are asking for help in identifying as many physicians you know in your community or those who serve these identified populations. If you are able to assist in this recruitment effort or have questions please reach out to Samuel Collins, Community Outreach Manager with Fairfax County Health Department. You can reach him at [Samuel.collins@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Samuel.collins@fairfaxcounty.gov) or by phone at 571-565-0461.

**Flu Vaccination Clinics** To help protect our community, the Fairfax County Health Department and Department of Neighborhood and Community Services are offering flu vaccination clinics at select Senior Centers. This service begins on October 6 and is available to all residents 18 and older by appointment only. To make your appointment call 703-246-6010 or for more information visit [fairfaxcounty.gov/flu](http://fairfaxcounty.gov/flu). To find other places in the community to get a flu vaccine, visit [www.vaccinefinder.org](http://www.vaccinefinder.org).

**Basic Needs:** If you have congregants in Fairfax County who are in need of support please have them call Coordinated Services Planning (CSP) **703-222-0880 (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays)**. Residents can also visit the Human Services Resource Guide (HSRG) at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hsrg/>, an online, searchable guide to available health and human services resources in Fairfax County.

**Human Services:** The Department of Family Services is offering Assistance from a Distance, and many Fairfax County services are offered online or on the phone.

**NEW** Rebuild VA, a grant program to help small businesses and nonprofit organizations affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, is expanding its eligibility criteria to allow more small businesses to apply. Now organizations with less than \$10 million in gross revenue or fewer than 250 employees will be eligible under the new criteria, and the maximum grant award will increase from \$10,000 to \$100,000. Rebuild VA will also be open to all types of Virginia small businesses/nonprofits that meet size and other eligibility requirements, from restaurants and summer camps, to farmers and retail shops. Businesses that previously received a Rebuild VA grant will receive a second award correlated with the updated guidelines.

The expanded criteria includes any organization that received funding from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and supply chain partners of businesses whose normal operations were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information and to apply visit **REBUILD VA's website**.

## VOTING INFORMATION

**Voting:** The last day to early vote is October 31. Over 301,000 ballots have been cast in Fairfax County. This is about 53% of the total number of votes cast in 2016. For everything you need to know about voting, be sure to check the [Fairfax County Office of Elections website](#). Should you feel unsafe at the polls, call Fairfax County Police Department's non-emergency number, at 703-691-2131 or 9-1-1. Guns are banned inside every polling place—whether it is a county-owned building, school, or privately owned building. Authorized poll watchers are allowed by Virginia law — but they must present a written authorization form signed by a county, district, or state party chair or candidate. Only properly authorized poll watchers will be allowed inside the polls. More on the above can be found [here](#). According to Attorney General Herring - voter intimidation is a violation of state and federal law. You can read his legal opinion [here](#).

### Learn how Anne E. Harper, of Fairfax County help to eliminate the poll tax

Annie E. Harper helped to eliminate poll tax in Virginia and the entire U.S. Mrs. Harper, was an active member of Bethlehem Baptist Church (deaconess, missionary, Sunday School leader). She was 79 years old when she filed suit against Fairfax County's Board of Election along with three other persons from Fairfax County. Mrs. Harper and Ms. Gladys Berry (age 42) lived on Fordson Road. Mr. Curtis Burr and Mrs. Myrtle Burr who also filed with Ms. Harper and Ms. Berry lived on Quander Road. The case was combined with the case of Ms. Evelyn Butts of Norfolk, VA. and filed in Alexandria, VA on October 21, 1964. On January 24, 1966, Harper v Virginia Board of Election was argued before the U.S. Supreme Court for two days. Thurgood Marshall requested permission to participate in the oral arguments and was permitted to do so. On March 24, 1966 in a 6-3 decision, the Supreme **Court ruled poll taxes to be unconstitutional.** You can read more [here](#)

## COUNTY AND COMMUNITY RESOURCES

**Safe at Home:** For some people, staying home doesn't always feel safe because someone there may threaten or hurt you. If this is you, **know that you can call the Fairfax County Domestic and Sexual Violence hotline for help 24 hours a day at 703-360-7273.** hotline). If you are in immediate danger, please call 911. For additional information visit [Safe at Home](#).

**Adult Protective Services:** To report Abuse, Exploitation, or Neglect of an adult who is 60 years or older or is 18 years and older and incapacitated. Reports can be filed for people who live alone or with relatives or who are residents in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, hospitals, or group homes. The Adult Protective Hotline: **703-324-7450**. For more information on Adult Services please visit [Fairfax County Services for Older Adults](#).

Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood and Community Services offers programs for Individuals, Older Adults, Youth and Families affected by COVID-19: **Virtual Programs for Older Adults**, **Home Delivered Meals intake** number at **(703) 324 – 5409**, and [Transportation Supports](#)

FCPS will **continue serving free meals to all children through December 31**. Grab and go service hours at school sites have been extended to 8am - 12:30pm Monday- Friday (excluding holidays) with both breakfast and lunch served at the same time. Any changes to bus routes are posted on the website by 5 p.m. each day. Meals on buses will be distributed Monday through Friday beginning at 6:30 a.m. [Information about bus routes for food distribution is available online](#). If there are bus delays while distributing grab and go meals, the information will be posted on the [FCPS Bus Delay website](#). FCPS will also send a message to the affected school communities if a bus route is delayed.

**NEW: Toward No Drug Abuse (TND) and Toward No Tobacco Use (TNT):** These evidence-based substance use prevention programs are delivered in 10-to-12 sessions for middle and high school-aged students, free of charge, by Fairfax County Neighborhood and Community Services. Programs can be provided virtually and modified to meet your needs. TND is ideal for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders, but can be delivered to high school students. Contact Lauren Hitz at [lauren.hitz@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:lauren.hitz@fairfaxcounty.gov), [NCS-TakeCharge@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:NCS-TakeCharge@fairfaxcounty.gov), or 571-585-7932 if you are interested in bringing one of these programs to your after-school program or youth group.

**Health:** Please visit the Health Department's website COVID-19 Tools for the Fairfax Community <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health/novel-coronavirus/tools>. You will find a new topic weekly and communication tools to help you share information with your community. Residents can still call if they have any questions **703-267-3511** (9:30am to 9pm weekdays and 9:30am- 5 pm on weekends). For COVID-19 case data visit [COVID-19 Case Dashboard](#).



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To request reasonable ADA accommodations, please contact 703-324-4600, TTY 711.

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### Community Engagement

**FCIA we want to hear from you!** During Covid-19 we had to pivot and change many ways that we engaged and shared information. As we look to 2021 we want to hear from you. Please complete this short survey by as we prepare for **FCIA 2021**. You can access the survey [HERE](#). **The survey will close on November 4th.**

Towards its goal of increasing equitable access to quality behavioral health services for children, youth, and their families, **Healthy Minds Fairfax** is surveying families to find out how they pay for behavioral health services and if they have had any issues using their child's health insurance to pay for services. Please share this [survey link](#) with parents and caregivers and ask them to participate: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VGWZVTL>

**Grant Opportunity: The Upswing Fund is issuing an RFP for one-year grants to 501c3 organizations that serve adolescents who are of color and/or LGBTQ+.** Applications are due November 16. There are two categories: *Surge Capacity* grants aim to immediately increase capacity for mental health providers serving adolescents of who are of color and/or LGBTQ+ to ensure that more adolescents have access to quality mental healthcare. *Systems Enabler* grants provide resources to organizations to support innovative approaches in adolescent mental health services that make more resilient systems to enable access to care.

NIMH has issued a [Request for Information](#) to seek input from a variety of stakeholders including researchers, healthcare providers, community leaders, and individuals from other relevant organizations (e.g., schools, social welfare, justice, faith communities) around the risks for and prevention of death by suicide and suicidal ideation and behaviors (SIB) of Black children and adolescents. Specifically, this RFI seeks information on topics of epidemiology, etiology, trajectories, preventive interventions, treatment interventions, and services interventions. Responses are due January 15.

### Community Events

**Interfaith Communities for Dialogue (ICD)** is presenting a series of 4 virtual workshops on Racism and Systemic Bias. On Sunday, November 8, from 4-6 PM, ICD will hold the second workshop in the series: Evidence and Impact of Racism in the Education, Police, and Judicial Systems. Please join us. You will receive a link to the Zoom meeting when you [REGISTER](#). Also hold the dates for these workshops: January 31, 2021: Evidence and Impact of Systemic Racism in Health and Housing; March 7, 2021: Building Bridges to Racial Equity. For questions or more information: [interfaithcd@gmail.com](mailto:interfaithcd@gmail.com)

### Spirituality and Mental Health, by the HHS Partnership Center for Faith and Opportunity Initiatives

- [Spirituality and the Life-time Course of Mental Illness: Support for Patients, Caregivers, and Family by the Faith Community](#), Tuesday, November 10 at noon
- [Spirituality and Relationships: Contributions to Faith and Forgiveness in Recovery](#), Thursday, November 19 at noon
- [Spirituality and Community-wide Crisis: Building Systems to Support Connection and Recovery](#), Tuesday, December 8 at noon

**The Interfaith Council of Washington** is delighted to announce the 41st Annual Interfaith Concert! Happening online at 7:30 pm on Thursday, November 19, this year's Concert will focus on the importance of kindness at this moment in time. That night, we will be hearing from a variety of faith traditions, as they share music, arts, readings, and religious practices with all of us. For the latest information on the concert, including to register for the event, head to our website at [www.ifcmw.org](http://www.ifcmw.org).

**Just Ask Youth Cares Conference** The Youth Cares Conference is the premier opportunity for high school and university students to learn about the real threat of human trafficking in the United States, and more important—the roles they can play in bringing it to an end. This is a two day conference November 13th and 14th. To learn more and register please [click here](#) or email [youthconference@justaskprevention.org](mailto:youthconference@justaskprevention.org)

**Enterprise Faith-based Development Initiative** Join us for our Faith-Based Development Initiative Annual Summit on Wednesday, Nov. 18, and Thursday, Nov. 19. Over a two-hour period each day, from Noon - 2 p.m. ET, this forum will explore the role houses of worship can play in the development of affordable housing and community facilities serving low- and moderate-income communities, and the expanding movement nationally to facilitate these efforts. Register [HERE](#)

The Washington Regional Nursing Research Consortium Fall Virtual Meeting will focus on **The Toxic Stress of Racism: The Physiological Effects of Racism**. Join Dr. Davis of the George Washington University School of Nursing on November 6th from noon-1pm. [Join Zoom Meeting](#) Meeting ID: 890 1188 6811 Passcode: 947386