



## 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](#).

Households are now eligible to order eight free at-home COVID tests, the third round of at-home tests offered for free by the federal government. You may order these tests online [here](#). The County continues to offer free testing at our mobile testing clinic. Visit [this page](#) to find more information on mobile testing.

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

### **Survey For New Children's Behavioral Health Plan**

[Healthy Minds Fairfax](#), We want to understand more about your experiences with mental health, for children, youth and their families. Surveys for youth and young adults, caregivers, family members, community leaders, and providers are located in [HERE](#) in English, Spanish, and Korean. Contact: Peter Steinberg at [Peter.Steinberg@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Peter.Steinberg@fairfaxcounty.gov).

### **Disparities Grant**

The Virginia Department of Health, Office of Health Equity is now accepting applications for the **Virginia Partners in Prayer & Prevention Disparities Grant** funded through the *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)*. The purpose of the program is to advance health equity and address COVID-19 related health disparities. Visit [eva.virginia.gov](https://eva.virginia.gov) to review [RFA 2022-02-OHE](#) and find additional guidance for applicants.

### **Childhood & Required School Immunizations**

The new school year will be here before you know it and we need students to be prepared, delaying those back-to-school immunizations will make it hard to find an appointment. The Fairfax County Health Department's [Childhood & Required School Immunizations website](#) has information on needed immunizations. People are encouraged to get in to see their doctors asap and get up-to-date; Health Department clinics are also available for appointments.

### **Fairfax County Public Schools– Student Safety and Wellness**

Student support services and FCPS safety practices can be found here: [Gun Violence - Student Support Resources and FCPS Safety Practices | Fairfax County Public Schools](#)

### **No Kid Hungry: Summer Resources/Toolkits +P-EBT**

No Kid Hungry's summer meals texting hotline has a new number. Starting this summer, families should text FOOD or COMIDA to 304-304 to find a site with meals for kids closest to them when school is out. [This toolkit](#) includes a range of ready-made promotional materials to help publicize summer meals in your community. Use this [resource](#) to help communicate program changes early and often to families in your community. The [Pandemic EBT outreach toolkit](#) provides customizable outreach materials and messaging to help you get the word out to families about Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) benefits available to support families with groceries when kids miss school due to COVID-19 and during the summer.

### Community Resources

**Fairfax County Senior Centers Need Volunteers!** Would you like to share your skill or talent with older adult participants? For more details on various opportunities go to [bit.ly/SeniorCtrOpps](https://bit.ly/SeniorCtrOpps). Go to [bit.ly/FXVSVOL](https://bit.ly/FXVSVOL) to learn more about Volunteer Solutions, or email [VolunteerSolutions@FairfaxCounty.gov](mailto:VolunteerSolutions@FairfaxCounty.gov).

#### **Camp Fairfax**

Join us for a Summer of Fun! Serving rising 1st - 7<sup>th</sup> grade children residing in Fairfax County or the City of Fairfax. Programs meet weekly in June, July and August from 7:30 a.m.– 6 p.m at sites all across Fairfax County. Sliding fee scale available for income-eligible families. Breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack provided. Current health and safety guidelines will be implemented. **Registration Coming Soon.** For More Information, [click here](#) or call: 703-449-8989 from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

#### **Girls Fire and Rescue Academy Summer Camp**

The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department is excited to announce its Girls Fire and Rescue Academy summer camp from June 21 -24. The Academy is open to rising 7th through 12th grade female students for the upcoming 2022 - 2023 school year. Participants must be a Fairfax County resident. The program is completely free of charge. The Academy will be limited to 24 applicants. To apply, please click on the link below and follow the instructions. All applications must be received by close of business on Friday, May 20, 2022. [Girls Fire & Rescue Academy 2022 Application Packet \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](#)

#### **Join the African American Culturally-Focused Parenting Class**

This Parenting Education Programs' class provides a space where families can discuss parenting through an African American cultural lens. Hear from satisfied past participants and learn how to sign up for this or other parenting classes. [Learn More](#). The Parenting Education Programs virtual and in-person classes at this time. Please click [here](#) to submit a family enrollment form.

#### **Vital Document Legal Hotline for Youth**

Many unaccompanied youth experiencing housing instability lack access to vital documents, such as photo identification, licenses, birth certificates, Social Security cards, and documents needed to get an ID or license. Lack of access to these documents complicates the attempts of youth to meet their basic needs. National Network for Youth has launched [I Am Here: ID and Vital Document Legal Hotline for Youth](#), a free national hotline that provides legal advice, resources, and assistance in obtaining state ID cards and licenses, birth certificates, Social Security cards, and documents needed to get an ID or license.

#### **June Tier 2- Serving Male Identified Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence**

Serving Male-Identified Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence. Tuesday, June 7, 2-3:30 via zoom. [Registration](#) is free but required to attend this virtual event.

#### **FCPS School Supply and Backpack Support Inventory**

FCPS is seeking information from local community and faith-based organizations on their involvement with donations of school supplies and/or backpacks to our schools and students. This quick [FCPS School Supply and Backpack Support Inventory](#) form will help us to determine the gaps in support within our schools. Much of this effort has changed since the onset of the pandemic and we are needing to gather updated information from all involved.

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

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# Common Ground

A Newsletter for the Interfaith Community

## 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. 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)

### **June Food Drive Benefits Migrants and Food Justice DMV**

Sun., Jun. 12, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., UUCF traffic circle. [Sign up here to donate.](#) [Sign up to volunteer.](#)

### **Pathways out of Poverty**

Sunday, June 12, 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm. The last in a series of on-line discussions sponsored by Lewinsville Presbyterian and Redeemer Lutheran, this segment will focus on easing reentry for the convicted. For additional information or to register, please visit the [Tysons Interfaith website](#).

### **Prevention of Blindness Society of Metropolitan Washington**

Dar Al-Hijrah Islamic Center partnering with the Prevention of Blindness Society of Metropolitan Washington to offer free vision screenings, exams and two pairs of eyeglasses to children ages 2-17. Appointments are required. Please schedule an appointment [here](#).

### **Fairfax County NAACP DMV Trade Jobs Fair**

Saturday, June 4th from 11:00am-2:00pm for the 2022 Trade Jobs Fair, hosted via [Zoom](#). Learn about exciting jobs in the building trades. Learn about exciting jobs in the building trades. Information about Plumbing, Pipe fitting, Sprinkler fitting, Pipe Welding, HVAC, Carpentry, Glazier, Drywall Installer, Electrician, and Painter jobs and apprenticeships will be covered. [REGISTER FOR THE VIRTUAL TRADE JOBS FAIR](#)

**SAVE THE DATE** on June 18<sup>th</sup> the Poor People's Campaign will have a **POOR PEOPLE'S AND LOW-WAGE WORKERS' ASSEMBLY AND MORAL MARCH ON WASHINGTON AND TO THE POLLS**. To Learn more about this event and to register visit the [Poor People's Campaign](#) for more information.

