

# *Sull-E Newsletter*



March 24, 2020 Coronavirus Update

## **A Message from Kathy Smith**

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,

*Kathy*

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## **Reminders!**

### **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](#)

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## **Fairfax County Government Buildings Closed to the Public Starting at 5:00 p.m. on March 27**

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To help limit the spread of the coronavirus, Fairfax County will close all [government buildings and facilities](#) to the public starting Friday, March 27, at 5 p.m., until further notice. However, the county government remains open for business online and by phone and mail.

Closing government buildings will help protect the health and safety of residents and employees, and the move is intended to promote social distancing, a key action to help limit the spread of the coronavirus.

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. Nonprofit organizations located in county facilities will receive operational guidance from their partner agencies. A full list of online service can be found on the county's [Assistance from a Distance webpage](#).

County buildings will be open for in-person meetings by the Board of Supervisors and other county boards, commissions and authorities as required by state law and will continue to be accessible to employees whose job functions cannot be completed remotely.

The Office of Elections will remain open for business during its regular office hours as required for voter registration and by mail absentee application and ballot processing. Voter registration applications and absentee ballot requests will continue to be processed by the county's Office of Elections staff and in-person absentee voting is available, curbside only, and only at the Government Center. Voters should call 703-222-0776 upon arriving and materials will be brought out.

Fairfax County is closely monitoring this evolving situation to determine when facilities can be re-opened to the public. Residents are strongly encouraged to sign up for coronavirus text alerts by texting FFXCOVID to 888777. The county will send a text alert when government buildings reopen, as well as provide other critical information to help residents during the pandemic.

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

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## Volunteer Fire and Rescue Departments Hosting Blood Drives

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**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](#).

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

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## **Park Authority Closes All Parks; Trails Remain Open**



Effective Tuesday, March 24, at 11:59 p.m., **all Fairfax County Park Authority parks and amenities will be closed to the public until further notice.** This change is in response to Virginia Gov. Ralph Northam's order to close public access to recreational facilities.

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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.

While all parks and amenities are closed, trails will remain open for individual use, but not group use. All social distancing recommendations are in effect.

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

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## Public Transportation Operating Status

Updated as of March 24, 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](#).
    - \***Metrorail:** Trains will operate every 20 minutes on all lines except the Red Line. Red Line trains will operate every 15 minutes.
    - \***Metrobus:** 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](http://wmata.com) for a list 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.
    - \***MetroAccess:** 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](#).
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## 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:**

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- 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](mailto: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

- [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

**Tuesday, March 24, 2020:**

- [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](#)

**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?](#)

**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](#)

# 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](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health)  
or email us at [health@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:health@fairfaxcounty.gov).

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 bótelos 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](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/health) envíenos un correo electrónico a [health@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:health@fairfaxcounty.gov).

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