

Non-Profits Network Newsletter

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Fairfax Countywide Strategic Plan. Inclusive community engagement remains one of the central elements of the Countywide Strategic Plan. A virtual information meeting and Q&A session is scheduled for Wednesday, July 21 from 7-8:30 p.m. to provide an update on the public planning process; respond to your questions; and capture your feedback leading up to planned Board adoption of the plan on October 5. [Register](#) to attend the Community Update and Feedback Session.

Email any questions or comments on the proposed Countywide Strategic Plan to Aimee Brobst, Countywide Strategic Plan Coordinator, at aimee.brobst@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Transportation Options, Programs & Services (TOPS). TOPS is a new program that issues subsidized funds on a transportation debit card providing participants with expanded transportation options and services. Transportation options include taxicabs, rideshare services, public transportation and capital bike share rentals. Go to the [website](#) for more information and to see the eligibility criteria.

Immigrants in Fairfax County. Fairfax County is welcoming to all who wish to live in, work in and enjoy our community, including our immigrant residents and neighbors. In 2021, the Board of Supervisors adopted the [Public Trust and Confidentiality Policy](#) (Trust Policy) to improve county policy and community trust, privacy, health, welfare and safety. The policy affirms that Fairfax County will not voluntarily cooperate with enforcement of federal civil immigration laws.

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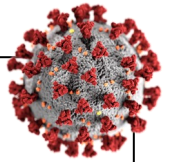
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COVID-19 Updates



- ◆ **Game. Set. Vax.** Get your COVID-19 vaccine today. Public health workers share an [important message](#) with musical style. Lyrics written by Kelton Williams and Andy Lima (MC Bugg-Z) featuring vocals by Nikki Wilkens.
- ◆ Dr. Ben Schwartz, the Fairfax County Health Department's Director of Epidemiology and Population Health, answers vital COVID-19 questions in short videos:
 - ◇ [Has the COVID-19 vaccine been thoroughly studied for 12-15 year olds?](#)
 - ◇ [What if I already had COVID? Is the vaccine necessary?](#)
 - ◇ [Will the COVID-19 vaccine impact future fertility?](#)
 - ◇ [Will the COVID-19 vaccine make my child sick and prevent them from going to school?](#)
 - ◇ [Is the COVID-19 Vaccine safe during puberty?](#)
 - ◇ [Is the COVID-19 vaccine safe for people who are taking other medications?](#)
- ◆ Social, racial and economic inequities mean Latinx have an increased risk of contracting COVID-19. According to [National Institute for Health Care Management \(NIHCM\) Foundation](#), Latinx are 2.8 times more likely to be hospitalized and 2.3 times more likely to die from the virus than white people. NICHM has a [data insights infographic](#), highlighting the impact of COVID-19 on communities of color and shares experiences and opportunities for advancing health equity.
- ◆ After receiving a vaccine dose, people will receive a vaccination card that lists the type of vaccine received and the date the shot was given. If a card is misplaced, people can send an email to Virginia Immunization Information System (VIIS) help desk at vaccinerecord@vdh.virginia.gov or call the VIIS help desk at 1-866-375-9795 to request a copy of their vaccination record. People can also request a copy their vaccination record by filling out an [Immunization Record Request Form](#).

Resources to Share With Residents

Cooling Assistance

This program is designed to help keep vulnerable Fairfax County residents cool during the summer months. Assistance includes payment of electric bills, electric security deposit to establish new services and repair of air conditioning system, heat pump, ceiling fan, attic fan or a whole house fan.



To be eligible, at least **one** household member must be 60 years or older; 5 years or younger; or disabled according to Social Security, Medicaid or 100% Veteran's Administration.

Applications for Cooling Assistance will be accepted from June 15-August 16.

Coordinated Services Planning (CSP)

CSP connects Fairfax County residents to county- and community-based services and resources that promote self-sufficiency and enhance well-being. Specialists operate in a call-center environment and are ready to help residents through an assessment to identify the needs they have and link them to resources for which they are eligible. Residents can call 703-222-0880, Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Watch a [video](#) to learn more.

Universal Class

This free online program offers lifelong learning courses in over 30 subject areas all designed and led by professional instructors. Subject areas include business, entrepreneurship, parenting and family, test prep, career training and general education. Residents will need a [Fairfax County Public Library card](#) to access classes.

Mental Health Website for Students

The Fairfax County Student Humans Right Commission recently launched a mental health resource website that provides intersectional mental health resources for all Fairfax County Public Schools students. This project was funded by a mini-grant from the [Community Services Board](#). Each year the [Wellness, Health Promotion & Prevention \(WHPP\)](#) program offers mini-grants for youth-led projects that aim to reduce the stigma of mental health issues among their peers.

Re-Employing Virginians (REV) Initiative

REV helps residents receive free training in a high-demand field (health care, information technology, skilled trades, public safety, early childhood education) if their employment has been impacted by the COVID-19 crisis. Training must be completed no later than November 30, 2021. Residents can attend an information session to learn more about the program. Information sessions are held weekly: Tuesdays, 12 p.m. ([Register](#)) and Thursdays, 2:30 p.m. ([Register](#))

Home Repair for the Elderly Program for Elderly and Disabled Adults

The Home Repair for the Elderly Program is designed to provide minor home repairs to eligible low and moderate income elderly homeowners residing in the property, as well as accessibility modifications for disabled homeowners. Fairfax County will provide a crew to do up to one week's labor and provide up to \$500 in materials to complete necessary repairs and maintenance.



All materials and labor for the work done under this program are provided completely free of charge to [eligible](#) homeowners.