



[Fairfax County Now Recommends Indoor Masking to Prevent COVID-19 Spread](#)

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Based on updated guidance released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) last week, the **Fairfax County Health Department recommends that everyone, including individuals fully vaccinated against COVID-19, wear a mask in public indoor settings.** As the number of COVID-19 cases has continued to increase with the spread of the Delta variant, this recommendation is based on the Fairfax Health District moving from moderate level of COVID-19 transmission to substantial transmission. Indoor masking is an important approach to prevent further spread of COVID-19 and should be combined with other strategies or “layers of prevention.” In addition to masking, residents should:

- Get vaccinated if they have not done so already. Despite some breakthrough cases, vaccination remains the most important approach to prevent COVID-19 and particularly to prevent more severe infection. No appointments are needed and [walk-ins are available](#). Vaccinations are free.
- Stay home when you're ill except to get tested or see a healthcare provider.
- Maintain 6 feet physical distancing from others.
- Practice good handwashing.
- [Get tested if symptomatic](#) or if you spent time with someone who is sick or tested positive for COVID-19. Adhere to health department recommendations for isolation and quarantine if you are infected or are a close contact of an infected person.

Stay in touch with the [most current information in Fairfax County](#).

Struggling to pay your rent or utilities due to the COVID-19 Pandemic?

The **NEW Fairfax County Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) Program** may be able to help

Fairfax County is administering relief for renters experiencing a negative financial impact due to the COVID-19 pandemic through the **NEW Fairfax County Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) program**.

Through this program, you can apply (or your landlord may apply on your behalf) to receive funds to pay delinquent rent or utility arrear payments back to March 13, 2020, and up to three months of payments into the future to maintain housing stability. The total payments may not exceed a total of 15 months of rental assistance per household. Individuals who have previously received assistance from Fairfax County may apply again through this new program. All residents experiencing financial hardship are encouraged to call Coordinated Services Planning (CSP) as multiple funding resources are available beyond ERA.

How CSP can help

- Housing payments (rent, mortgage, fees, security deposit).
- Utilities (electric, gas, water).

Immigration status, previous assistance and current employment are not barriers to assistance. Each case is assessed individually, and assistance is provided based on eligibility requirements.

Coordinated Services Planning
703-222-0880

Monday – Friday, 8am - 4:30pm

Press 1 for English and other languages. Press 2 for Spanish.
Multilingual specialists and interpretation are available.

Visit the [Eviction Prevention](#) website for more information

Around the County



Fight Hunger in Our Neighborhoods!

Save the Date! On Saturday, September 11, and Saturday, October 9, Stuff the Bus will be collecting non-perishable food donations at 21 locations throughout Fairfax County and the City of Fairfax. Help fight hunger and feed hope in our community by donating. For updates, including donation locations, most requested food items and more, visit <http://bit.ly/FfxStufftheBus>.

FINAL CALL [Fairfax County is accepting applications for community members to join the Consolidated Community Funding Pool Selection Advisory Committee](#). The committee will review and evaluate proposals and make recommendations on how to distribute funds to community partners that provide programs to support county residents. Applications are due August 31. English and Spanish flyers attached.

NEW Fairfax County started a new program in which Fairfax County residents can share essential medical information with 9-1-1 ahead of time rather than trying to remember essential medical information during an actual crisis. This is a free service to residents and anyone who frequents the county for work or leisure, people can fill out a **voluntary personal Emergency Health Profile** at www.emergencyprofile.org. We are trying to spread the word, so more people are aware of this new services. Please, feel free to share it with anyone who works or resides in Fairfax. To learn more about it visit [this site](#).

The **'Fight Suicide' Walkathon** will be held on August 21, 2021 at Lake Fairfax Park. In partnership with Fairfax County Health Department, **the event is to bring awareness of suicide and suicide prevention measures, and ultimately to help save lives**. Dr. Gloria Addo-Ayensu, director of Health for Fairfax County, will come and kick off the event. Suicide is not just a medical problem or a matter of personal concern, but a problem of the entire community. **When:** Saturday, August 21st, 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM **Where:** Lake Fairfax Park (Shelter J) 1400 Lake Fairfax Dr, Reston, VA 20190 **Who:** All ages, free to attend **Detailed information:** <https://fight-suicide-walkathon.carrd.co/> **Promotion video:** <https://youtu.be/tUgTQZz2tcw>

TOPS Transportation Program Fairfax County is offering a new program called TOPS (Transportation Options, Programs & Services) that replaces the previous taxi voucher programs (Seniors On-The-Go!, TaxiAccess, and Dial-A-Ride). The streamlined program provides a transportation debit card in lieu of paper vouchers and offers more transportation options in addition to taxi services. To learn more and apply visit [New TOPS Transportation Program Provides Debit Card, More Options for Older Adults, People with Disabilities, and Income-Eligible Residents | Neighborhood and Community Services \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](#)

Healthy Minds Fairfax is asking youth, parents, and caregivers who have used telehealth for behavioral health therapy to [complete a short survey](#) about their experiences. The survey is available in English and Spanish. Please share it!

[NAMI Northern Virginia](#) is seeking teens and young adults (ages 15-23) to participate on their Youth Leadership Council, which serves as an advisory board to NAMI Northern Virginia. This group helps plan youth events and programs, represents NAMI in the community, and works on projects to reduce stigma and support youth and young adults in the region. They are accepting [applications](#) through August 21 (deadline extended).

Virginia Victim Assistance Network: If you have lost a loved one through the criminal actions of another, please join us for supportive discussions and activities. Northern Virginia Homicide Survivor Support Group **FREE** Open to the Public Begins Weekly August 25, 2021 7PM-9PM. Registration Required Call Dina Blythe at 804-331-4057 x 103 or email dina.clythe@vanetwork.org.



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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

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday September 12th 1pm– 6pm . The annual IFC Unity Walk brings together hundreds of people from all faiths and backgrounds in a public display of solidarity and hope.

Join us as we support one another and work to heal our communities and our region. The event will start at **1pm** at Washington Hebrew Congregation with tours of the synagogue and an opening ceremony and will continue along Massachusetts Ave., NW with a closing ceremony at **5:30pm**. In addition to the congregational open houses, this year's walk will feature a **teen dialogue** led by high school students Sarah Doane (Student to Student) and Neha Kohli (Lazarus Fellowship program), a **program for kids** (led by Catherine Maresca, Director of the Center for Children and Theology), a panel discussion on **music in workshop** and more!

[Click here](#) to download the 2021 Unity Walk Flyer and learn more!

Aldersgate United Methodist Women will be having an indoor garage sale on September 18 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. All proceeds will be used for mission projects. Aldersgate is located at 1301 Collingwood Road, Alexandria 22308. Entrance to sale is at the back of the church. Masks may be required.

Lord of Life Lutheran Church Offers Free On-line ESL Classes

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7-9 PM Start: September 14 End: November 18

Three Class Levels : Internet Access Required for these Zoom Classes

Registration: begins mid-August on-line at www.lordoflifeva.org/esl

In-Person Placement Testing, for students whose on-line registration has been confirmed September 9, 7pm, at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5114 Twinbrook Rd., Fairfax, VA 22032



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