

Fauquier County Community News

April 2020



Hello Neighbors,

I will be staying home this month as the country struggles to contain the COVID-19 pandemic. While I am gone, please know that essential services in the County are available to help you through this difficult time. I can't wait until we can all get together again for a community celebration once we get the all-clear to return to normal life!

In the meantime, please be careful and follow these instructions from Virginia's Department of Health:

1. Do not gather in groups.
2. Practice social distancing, which generally means maintaining 6 feet between you and others at all times.
3. Avoid public places where close contact with others may occur and public transportation.
4. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer only if soap and water are not available.
5. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
6. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing.
7. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

For an updated list of Fauquier County COVID-19 resources, visit <https://fauquier-county-coronavirus-response-fauquiergis.hub.arcgis.com/>

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COVID-19 Basic Needs Resource List

- **Rent** - TM Management has agreed not to evict any residents during this crisis. If you cannot pay your rent, you must call (540) 687-3402 or windyhill@tmamgroup.com. The office is currently closed, but you can leave a note under the door.
- **FCWSA Bills** - The Fauquier County Water and Sanitation Authority Administration Building is closed. Mail payments, pay online at <https://www.fcwsa.org/payment-options> or use the drop box at FCWSA's Administration Building. If you need to make a cash payment, please contact them at (540) 349-2092 during normal weekday business hours (8:30 AM – 4:30 PM) to make arrangements. FCWSA is also following the request of the Commonwealth of Virginia to suspend cut-offs until further notice. websites.
- **Dominion Energy Bills** - Dominion has suspended all service disconnections and is reconnecting residential customers whose services were shut off. Help is available at 866-366-4357 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mon-Fri.
- **Fauquier Community Food Bank and Thrift Store** - 249 East Shirley Avenue, Warrenton, Monday thru Friday 12p.m. until 4 p.m. Call ahead for pick up time. (540) 359-6053.
- **Fauquier Free Clinic** - Please call for appointments, medication refills, or consultation. Visits that can be delayed safely will be rescheduled. Dental visits will be for emergencies only. Patients who are experiencing a fever, cough, or respiratory symptoms must call so that appropriate next steps can be determined. (540) 347-0394.

Staying Home Information



Hello to All Horizons Students and Families:

COVID-19 and the closing of schools ended our program for the 2019-2020 school year, but we remain hopeful that we will be able to go forward with our Horizons Summer Program. In the meantime, we want to thank everyone who participated in Horizons Year 1. We have great changes in store for next year. Stay tuned for updates via email and Class Dojo when we get the all clear to go back to life as usual.



Filing for Unemployment

If you are a worker who has been totally or partially separated from your job due to Coronavirus, please note that no claim for unemployment insurance may be filed or processed until an actual lay off from employment has occurred, or until there has been an actual reduction in hours. When filing your claim for unemployment benefits, please be sure to check the reason for separation as Lack of Work/Layoff. If you will be filing because of a reduction in hours, you will not receive benefits unless your gross earnings are less than your weekly benefit amount. Currently the maximum weekly benefit amount in Virginia is \$378 but will soon increase to a maximum of \$978.

You may file a claim for unemployment insurance by visiting <http://www.vec.virginia.gov/unemployed> and clicking the link to [File a new claim for unemployment benefits](#) or through our Customer Contact Center by calling 1-866-832-2363 Monday through Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm and between 9am and 1pm on Saturday (closed state holidays). Once you have filed your initial claim, you must continue to file your weekly continuing claims either online or by using the automated voice response system at 1-800-897-5630.

* *Beginning with claims effective March 15, 2020, Governor Northam has directed that the one week waiting period and the requirement to conduct a weekly job search both be suspended for those receiving unemployment insurance benefits.*

* *Currently, the online claim filing system is operational but not sending confirmation numbers. Claims are being received and VEC is working on fixing the problem.*

Mondays:

-  **Fauquier HS**
10:30 - Noon
-  **Miller ES**
10:30 - Noon
-  **Marsh Run Community**
10:30 - 11:15
-  **Pierce ES**
11:30 - 12:30
-  **Marshall Community Center**
10:30 - 11:30

GRAB-AND-GO
Meals



Staying Home Information



SNAP Benefits Increase

Individuals who get SNAP benefits will get more money deposited onto their cards as of March 25. They will go to any household not already receiving the maximum benefits. SNAP households will receive their regular April benefits on their usual issuance date, with emergency benefits added on April 16.

The increases depend on household size, as shown here:

Household Size	48 States and DC
1	\$194
2	\$355
3	\$509
4	\$646
5	\$768
6	\$921
7	\$1,018
8	\$1,164
Each Additional Person	\$146

Frequently Asked Questions

How can I get health coverage?
You can apply for Medicaid at any time at <https://www.comenrollment.virginia.gov>. Medicaid covers a variety of services, including testing and treatment for COVID-19.

I am sick but cannot afford my co-pay to see the doctor. What should I do?
All Medicaid and FAMIS co-pays are eliminated. You do not need to pay anything to see a doctor.

I am worried my prescriptions will run out. How can I prepare?
Medicaid is allowing members to fill a 90-day supply of many routine prescriptions. Check with your pharmacist or doctor.

Check out our FAQs
for answers to more of your questions.
https://coverva.org/materials/FAQ_Final_3_20.pdf

Stay Connected!
Sign up for regular updates and information about your health coverage and COVID-19 <https://bit.ly/CoverVAUpdates>

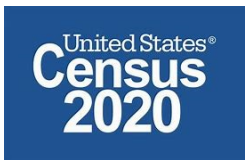
Text COVID19 to 268-782
to keep up with the latest Medicaid news on COVID-19*

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Have other questions
about how Medicaid is improving access to care in response to COVID-19? Contact DMAS here: <https://www.dmas.virginia.gov/contact-form#/general>

*Messages and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Reply STOP for help or STOP to cancel. Visit <http://bit.ly/dmasinfo> for more.

For more information about COVID 19, visit the Virginia Department of Health website at www.vdh.virginia.gov



It's a Census Year! Here's how to participate:

- Visit my2020Census.gov (can also be accessed at 2020Census.gov)
- Read instructions and click 'start questionnaire'
- Enter code from mailed letter or select 'if you do not have a Census ID, click here' in order to verify your address
- Once address is verified, proceed with the Census questions.



**Governor Ralph Northam's
NUMBER FIFTY-FIVE (2020)
TEMPORARY STAY AT HOME ORDER
DUE TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

A Graphic Illustration



You can leave your home to get groceries, or medicine, go to a doctor's appointment or the hospital, or to visit family members, exercise outdoors with members of your own household only including pets, or to volunteer with a charity. The [governor's order](#) goes into effect immediately and lasts until June 10, although the governor could cancel it earlier. Violation of the order is a Class I misdemeanor, punishable by up to a year in jail and a \$2,500 fine. You can read the order by clicking on the link above.

