



# CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

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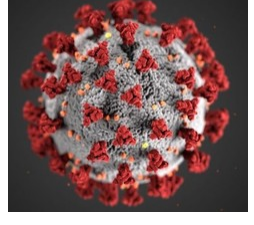
## Town of Vienna Coronavirus Update: March 27

This e-newsletter is being distributed to subscribers of the Town's Happenings and Town Business Matters digital newsletter. Updates will be sent on a periodic basis during this public health emergency. Feel free to share this update with friends and neighbors, who may sign up for it at [viennava.gov/happenings](http://viennava.gov/happenings).

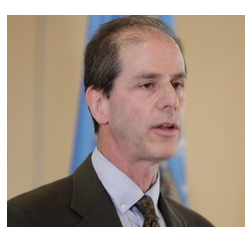
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- [viennava.gov/covidbizresources](http://viennava.gov/covidbizresources)
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## Changes to how cases are reported



- Due to the increase in testing and positive test results for COVID-19 in Fairfax County, the county health department is no longer able to provide case summaries for each new case. The county will continue to update **total cases** for the health district, which includes the Town of Vienna, on a daily basis and provide additional information on case investigations that identify significant community exposures.
- While the Town of Vienna has not been officially notified about cases in the community, Fairfax County Health Department officials now say that there are confirmed cases in Vienna. The coronavirus is being spread through "community spread" or person-to-person interactions in the Northern Virginia region, which is why social-distancing strategies are so important.



## On Deck with Mercury: Interview with Dr. Benjamin Schwartz

### Interview

In the next video version of On Deck with Mercury, Town Manager Mercury Payton speaks with Dr. Benjamin Schwartz, director of epidemiology and population health with the Fairfax County Health Department. Schwartz responds to several questions related to coronavirus and COVID-19.

The interview will be broadcast on TVCN (channel 27 on Cox and channel 38 on Verizon Fios) at 11 am and 8 pm daily March 31-April 10.

As a preview of some of the information to be shared in the video, Schwartz says that there are four important things that we all can do to help minimize the spread of coronavirus:

- isolation for those who are sick
- 14-day quarantine for those who have had close contact with someone who is sick
- all of us: wash our hands and don't touch our eyes, nose, and mouth
- practice social-distancing strategies

Quarantining and social-distancing, he says, can be extremely effective in containing viruses.



Thanks to the National Recreation and Park Association for the tips provided above.

## Fairfax County updates



The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has **extended deadlines for personal property and real estate taxes**. The deadline for personal property taxes for individuals and businesses was extended to June 1. The deadline to pay the first half of Fairfax County real estate taxes was extended to August 28.

Beginning at 5 pm today all Fairfax County government buildings and facilities will close to the public until further notice. The county government remains open for business online, via phone, and by mail. [Additional information](#).

Fairfax County Park Authority parks and amenities are closed to the public until further notice. Town parks and the W&OD trail remain open - please be sure to maintain a distance of six feet from others. Town playgrounds and playing courts are closed.

Board Chairman Jeffrey McKay sends out a digital newsletter with county updates that includes the information above and more. Sign up [here](#).



## Want to help?

Several residents have expressed an interest in helping others through this difficult time. Hunter Mill District Supervisor Walter Alcorn shares [ways to help](#).

Fairfax County Chairman Jeffrey McKay also shared several ways to help in a recent newsletter, including by contributing to one or more of these efforts:

- [The Foundation for Fairfax County Public Schools](#) is supporting food distribution efforts and technology needs for students.
- [Fairfax County Animal Shelter](#) is accepting donations via Amazon and Friends of Fairfax County Animal Shelter.
- [Inova](#) is looking for contributions to its Emergency Preparedness Fund and is in need of blood donations.

In addition, [Volunteer Fairfax](#) works to match organizations who have needs with volunteers and donations.



## Town events, meetings canceled through April 12; additional cancellations likely

While Town operations continue and essential and other services are being provided to residents, Town Hall and other Town facilities are closed to the public except by appointment only. Residents and others are encouraged to conduct business with the Town online or via the phone and to utilize the information kiosk and drop box at the front of Town Hall.

All Town events as well as programming, rentals, open gym and drop-in activities, spring break camps, and teen center activities are canceled through April 12. Additional cancellations are likely. The Town continues to monitor the situation and will make additional announcements likely in early April.

## A reminder - keep wipes out of the pipes

We're all using more sanitizing wipes these days. Please be sure to dispose of them in the trash, not down the toilet - even if they say they're flushable. The wipes can clog toilets and drains and contribute to sewer backups.



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