



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

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“Everyone does better when Everyone does better”

I saw this in a window downtown, and the message stuck with me.

Yesterday the County issued an order that everyone 12 years and older wear facial coverings when they are interacting with others who are not members of their household, in public and private spaces. The order takes effect on April 22nd. (please always go to coronavirus.marinhhs.org for detailed up to date information). When we follow these orders, we are not only covering our own faces, but we are acting as a community that “has each other’s backs.” It has never been more important to act in the best interests of the whole.

The Town Council received a public comment at our first ever “100% virtual” Town Council meeting this past Wednesday, expressing that during this time when sweeping mandates are being imposed, and people are losing their jobs and support systems, it is more vital than ever that the Town analyze and address the wide diversity of our resident’s needs and circumstances. Solving the massive challenge of providing equal access to resources including everything from food, shelter, open space to access to adequate facial coverings, can begin with each of us.

The Fairfax 1 to 1 match program continues to meet the needs of those who ask for help. Please reach out! (link). A giant Thank You goes to the 130 volunteers who have signed up to provide services.

We know that the Shelter in Place order has taken a toll on everyone’s mental health to some extent. Remember that many will struggle silently, and it is our responsibility as a community to connect with those who may be alone or afraid. Make a call, write a note or draw a picture and deliver to someone’s gate, and please encourage anyone in need to ask for help.

Here are some examples of what our residents and essential businesses are doing 5 weeks in to the Shelter in Place order - Your Town is grateful!

- The Fairfax Food Pantry and their team of loyal volunteers are providing food to approximately 150 households every Saturday,
- 130 volunteers are being matched with those in need.
- Mask makers are popping up out of the woodwork and offering their services.
- Our grocery stores are rising to the increasingly challenging task of supplying the shelves and keeping their clerks and the public safe.
- Our teachers are creatively inventing online classrooms which meet State education standards and address the needs of the ‘whole student’ and their family network.
- Health care workers continue to work the front lines and lead the effort to keep us healthy both physically and emotionally, while consistently vulnerable to infection.

- Artists and musicians are keeping our spirits high with online concerts and exhibits
- People are covering their faces and staying home!!

Remember to smile with your eyes and know we will get through this.

We've got our eyes on the future. #fairfaxforward

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