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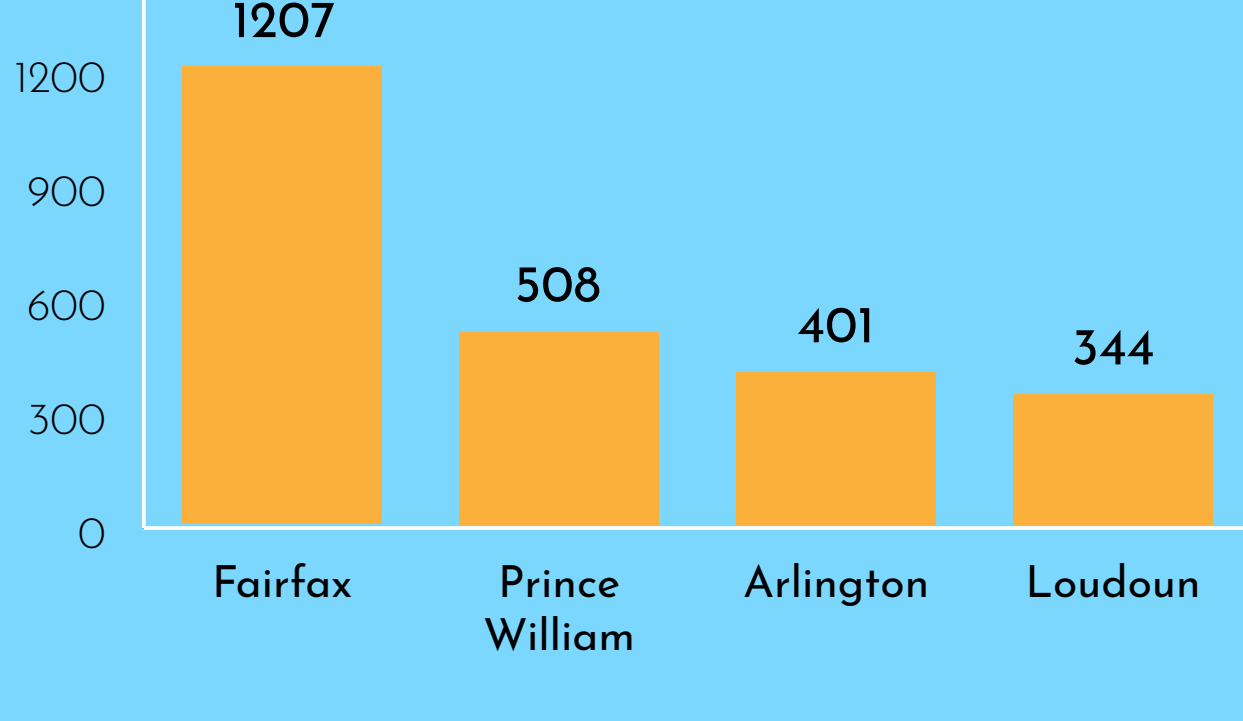
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NUMBER OF CASES IN VIRGINIA

as of April 15th

Location	Positives	Deaths
Fairfax County	1207	21
Prince William County	508	0
Arlington County	401	2
Loudoun County	344	7
VIRGINIA	5274	141



As the number of reported cases of COVID-19 continues to rise across the nation, BPSOS is obligated to maintain a safe and healthy work environment for all of our staff. Despite the severity of the situation, rather than panicking, we are preparing and taking precautions:

Stay Informed: Look for information resources from CDC, WHO and OSHA. Additionally, text FFXCOVID to 888777 to get the latest updates from Fairfax County Health Department.

Practice Social Distancing: Maintain distance from others as least 6 ft or 2m. This is to prevent the virus from infecting easily between people.

Maintain Hygiene: wash hands frequently for at least 20 second, avoid touching your face with your hands and do not shake hands or make bodily contact

Avoid Large Crowds: cancel all public activities (concerts, sport games, restaurants, etc.) They are perfect breeding ground for the virus.

Watch Out for Scams: Ignore people taking advantage of this situation to scam others (selling products to prevent, treat or cure the virus or asking for donations to aid people who are sick, etc)

Don't Travel Abroad: this is a very bad time for traveling. Due to the stress of foreigners bringing the virus worldwide, many international flights have been canceled.

US Small Businesses Administration (SBA) is carrying out 2 programs **PPP** and **EIDL** aiming to help small businesses overcome this pandemic. **Quick Relief Response** was created to increase our community's awareness about these programs, especially small Vietnamese business owners. You can know more about Quick Relief Response at quickreliefresponse.com. Our website will be up and running soon.

SMALL BUSINESSES AND NON-PROFITS: Need help paying for payroll, rent & overhead costs?

The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) are new federally-funded loan programs for small businesses and non-profit organizations during this difficult time. How can they help?

PPP

- Offers a loan up to **\$10,000,000**
- Payroll costs can be forgiven **100%**
- Non-payroll costs can be forgiven **25%**

EIDL

- Offers a loan up to **\$2,000,000**
- Up to \$10,000 advance loan will **not have to be repaid.**

FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE!

Contact our office to start your application **TODAY!**

1-888-885-6368

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With the outbreak of covid-19, tons of information is being updated hourly all over the internet. Unfortunately, not all of them comes from the right sources. This creates lots of confusion for the general public, who is anxious and not well-educated about the topic.

Realizing that, BPSOS has established **a social media team** on Facebook to combat misinformation and deliver the correct guidance to the general public, especially Vietnamese. We collect, verify and publish articles relating to covid-19 daily in both English and Vietnamese. Our followers will get the latest news, from health-related articles to government updates and guidelines.

Like and follow us at **BPSOS - Y Tế và Sức Khỏe Cộng Đồng**, or **@dephongdichbenh** for more updates. **#BPSOS #coronavirus #ytevasuckhoecongdon #dephongdichbenh**

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Cancel **RENT** and **EVICTION**

Covid-19 affects more than just health. Businesses that are non-essential must closed, while the essential ones are struggling to stay open nationwide. As a result, millions people lost their jobs, their income and can't afford to pay the bills.

Considering many members in our community lives paycheck-to-paycheck, BPSOS has been working closely with the **Asian American Pacific Islander Civic Engagement (ACE) Collaborative** to submit a **Cancel Rent and Eviction Petition**. We ask federal and state officials to cancel rent collection, suspend accrual of unpaid rent debt, and stop evictions during this pandemic.

You can join the petition and make an impact for our community at this link: https://www.newvirginiamajority.org/cancel_rent_virginia?source=ACE

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CENSUS 2020

Due to COVID-19 pandemic, BPSOS-VA could not open Assistance Center where everyone could come in to get help with Census 2020 questionnaire. However, we can still help many people to participate in this project **over the phone**.

Since March 16th, BPSOS-VA has been helping **more than 200 people** to respond to the Census online. Especially, the seniors in our community were very happy to participate in the Census. They reminded and referred their peers and family members to us as well. They are hoping to have more funding for housing, Medicaid and SNAP benefits, etc.

If you haven't responded to the Census, please do so as soon as you can. You can do it online or if you need help, please contact our office at **(703) 538-2190**.

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