

ANC 5E06 SPRING 2020 NEWSLETTER

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COMMISSIONER KARLA M. LEWIS' COMMENTS

My deepest condolences and sympathies go out to all of the families that have been affected by COVID-19. We are here for you. We are all in this together.

Stay Home, Stay Safe and Stay Informed

In this quarterly newsletter, I have provided resources to help everyone stay abreast of the latest information you need during this stressful period. As of April 28th, the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in DC was 3,892 with 185 deaths. For the latest stats visit: coronavirus.dc.gov/page/coronavirus-data

Thank You Essential Workers

My heartfelt thanks to all the essential workers who can't stay at home, but put their lives on the line by going to their places of work every day. This includes first responders, healthcare providers, workers supporting groceries, pharmacies, convenience stores, restaurants and other retail, mail and other delivery services, transportation, and employees of all other essential services.

Various Organizations Provide Free Meals to Seniors

Special thanks to the people who have helped our neighborhood's seniors during the stay at home order. I have been providing meals 3 times per week courtesy of Mayor Bowser, Councilmember McDuffie, the Office of the Attorney General's (OAG) Cure the Streets, Martha's Table, chef José Andrés' charity World Central Kitchen, Good Food Markets and the People of the State of Qatar. If you are a senior in SMD ANC 5E06 who needs meal assistance during this crisis, please contact Commissioner Lewis at 410.705.4070 or 5e06@anc.dc.gov.

Situational Update

Mayor Bowser issued Order 2020-063 to extend the state of emergency and public health emergency for Washington, DC through May 15. DC will not begin reopening until at least a two week downward trend in coronavirus cases is observed. In addition, the District must be able to provide healthcare systems and testing for everyone. A Contact Trace Force will help contain the virus and mitigate community spread through a five-step process: identify, isolate, trace, quarantine and connect to services. A Reopen DC Advisory Group is focused on when and how to lift coronavirus restrictions. It consists of 12 committees, which will develop a science-based plan tailored to our community's needs. The Comp Plan was sent to the DC Council and will help guide the District as we recover in a way that works for current residents and future generations of Washingtonians. Info: coronavirus.dc.gov/reopen, tinyurl.com/mayor-order and tinyurl.com/DCMayorSituationalUpdateApr23, Call: 311

Switch to Our E-Newsletter

It is important that everyone stay safe, myself included, by staying at home. I would like to encourage you to sign up for the electronic version of this newsletter instead of the paper copy. Just complete and submit this form tinyurl.com/ANC5E06ENewsletter or call and leave a voicemail at 410.705.4070 with your name, phone number, email and physical address.



DO THE FIVE

Help stop coronavirus

- 1 **HANDS** Wash them often
- 2 **ELBOW** Cough into it
- 3 **FACE** Don't touch it
- 4 **SPACE** Keep safe distance
- 5 **HOME** Stay if you can

Source: World Health Organization and Google
Call: 311 Info: tinyurl.com/StopCoronaDC

Symptoms of Coronavirus include: cough, fever, shortness of breath, mild to severe respiratory illness

Residents that are homebound due to COVID-19 can request support from the District for food and other essential items. Info: coronavirus.dc.gov/gethelp
Call: 1.888.349.8323

DC Mayor's Office
DC Mayor's Situational Update
Councilmember Kenyan McDuffie
Status of DC Agencies and Businesses

Disaster Preparedness Resources
Witness or Experience Discrimination
Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)
National Institutes of Health (NIH)
World Health Organization (WHO)

Business Assistance

Business Recovery Resources
Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act

- US Senate
- Small Business Administration (SBA)

Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA)
DC Historic Preservation Office

DC Office of Zoning (DCOZ)
Coronavirus Operating Information

STAY HOME DC

The Mayor's Stay-At-Home Order, effective April 1st of 2020, specifies that residents may only leave their residences to:

- engage in essential activities, including:
 - obtaining medical care that cannot be provided through telehealth;
 - obtaining food and essential household goods;
- perform or access essential governmental functions;
- work at essential businesses;
- engage in essential travel;
- engage in allowable recreational activities, e.g. walking or biking while practicing social distancing, sanitizing equipment, etc.;
- perform minimum Basic Operations at non-essential businesses.

People who violate the stay-at-home order may be fined up to \$5,000 or imprisoned up to 90 days. Info: coronavirus.dc.gov/stayhome Call: 311

DC residents can get tested for coronavirus using the following resources:

- Visit coronavirus.dc.gov/testing
- Call your doctor or medical provider
- Call hotline: 855.363.0333 (English), 844.796.2797 (Spanish, English)
- Note: Ward 5's new testing campus: UDC-CC Bertie Backus Campus, 5171 South Dakota Ave, NE, Call: 855.363.0333 to schedule appointment

[Coronavirus.dc.gov](http://coronavirus.dc.gov), Call: 202.727.2643 or 202.394.4399
tinyurl.com/DCMayorSituationalUpdateApr23, Call: 311
kenyanmcduffieward5.com/coronavirus, Call: 202.724.8028
311.dc.gov (app) or coronavirus.dc.gov/page/stay-home, Call: 311 or 202.727.2643 or text "Menu" to 32311
Ready.dc.gov, Call: 202.727.6161
ohr.dc.gov and tinyurl.com/CoronaVirusStigma, Call: 202.727.4559
cdc.gov/coronavirus, Call: 800.232.4636

nih.gov/coronavirus, Call: 301.496.4000
who.int/coronavirus, Call: 202.974.3000

coronavirus.dc.gov/recovery-business, Call: 202.727.2643

sbc.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/guide-to-the-cares-act, Call: 202.224.5175
tinyurl.com/SBAonCaresAct, Call: 202.205.6734
abra.dc.gov/page/covid-19-agency-response, Call: 202.442.4423

planning.dc.gov/page/historic-preservation-office
Email: historic.preservation@dc.gov, Call: 202.442.7600
dcocz.dc.gov/release/dcocz-coronavirus-operating-information
Call: Zelalem Hill at 202.727.0312, Email: zelalem.hill@dc.gov

ServeDC Email Updates (Funding Alerts)

tinyurl.com/ServeDCFundingAlert (sign up for e-alerts) Call: 311
serve.dc.gov/publication/funding-alert-120a2020

Education

DC Public Schools (DCPS)

- School schedule
- Free week day meals
- Free distance learning via tv and cell phone,
- Other school information

dcps.dc.gov/coronavirus, Call: 202.442.5885

coronavirus.dc.gov/food

[Wtulocal6.net](http://wtulocal6.net) (click on “Distance Learning” in the menu)

coronavirus.dc.gov/page/kids-and-school-resources, Call: 202.442.5885

Food Assistance

DC Mayor's Office Food Resources

Food Resource Map

So Others Might Eat (SOME)

- Services: shelters, to-go breakfast and lunch, showers, and medical facilities.
- Client-facing volunteer opportunities postponed at 71 O Street NW
- Donations needed: food, household items, medication, financial contributions, etc.

coronavirus.dc.gov/food, Call 311 or 202.724.5626

tinyurl.com/DCFoodMap, Call 311

Some.org, Call: 202.797.8806, Email: web@some.org

some.org/news-events/newsblog/dc-shelters-response-covid-19

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Someinc.volunteerhub.com

Capitalareafoodbank.org, Call: 202.644.9800

Seniors

Department of Aging and Community Living (DACL)

Free Meals

Seniors-Only Shopping

Dcoa.dc.gov, Call: 202.7245.626, Email: ask.adrc@dc.gov or dcoa@dc.gov

coronavirus.dc.gov/food, Call: 202.724.5626

Store	People Allowed	Special Hours	SNAP	WIC
Aldi	Seniors and immunocompromised	7:30 am – 8:30 am, Tue, Thu	✓	
Dollar General	Seniors	8:00 am – 9:00 am, daily		
Costco	Seniors	8:00 am – 9:00 am, Tue, Wed, Thu		
Family Dollar	At-risk customers, including seniors	8:00 am – 9:00 am, daily	✓	
Giant	Seniors, immunocompromised	6:00 am – 7:00 am, daily	✓	✓
Harris Teeter	Seniors	6:00 am – 8:00 am, Mon, Thu	✓	✓
Safeway	Seniors, pregnant, and immunocompromised	7:00 am – 9:00 am, Tue, Thu	✓	✓
Target	Seniors, pregnant, and vulnerable or at-risk	First hour stores open, Tue, Wed	✓	
Trader Joe's	60+ and customers who need extra assistance	8:00 am – 9:00 am, daily	✓	
Walmart	Seniors and at-risk populations	6:00 am – 7:00 am, daily	✓	✓
Whole Foods	60+	7:00 am – 8:00 am, daily	✓	

DC Public Service Commission (DCPSC)

Senior Citizens And Disabled Residents

Credit

dpsc.org/senioranddisabledresidentscredit,

Call: Pepco Energy Assistance Team 202.496.5830

Transportation

DC Microtransit (Suspended)

Metro (Reduced service, masks encouraged)

dfhv.dc.gov/service/transport-dc

wmata.com/coronavirus Call: 202-637-7000

wmata.com/service/status/details/covid-face-covering.cfm Call: 202.637.1328

dfhv.dc.gov, Call: 202.645.7300, Email: dfhv.clientservices@dc.gov

tinyurl.com/Administrative-Issuance-AI-2

Unemployment & Job Assistance

DC Mayor's Office, Recovery Assistance for Individuals

coronavirus.dc.gov/recovery-individuals, Call: 311

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Unemployment Insurance (UI)

dedoes.force.com/PUAForm/s/ Call: 202.724.7000
coronavirus.dc.gov/recovery-individuals, dcnetworks.org,
tinyurl.com/UI-Basic-For-COVID-19 and
does.dc.gov/service/unemployment-compensation-process,

Call: 202.724.7000 Email: does@dc.gov

dchealthlink.com Call: 855.532.5465

dchealthlink.com/coronavirus

ota.dc.gov Call: 202.719.6560. Email Stephen.Dudek@dc.gov

ota.dc.gov/publication/covid-19-state-emergency-tenant-rightsservices

tinyurl.com/DCContactTraceForce, Call: 311

DC Healthlink (Enrollment is open)

DC Tenant Advocate (DCOTA)

DC Contact Tracing Force

DC will hire 900 tracers.

TAXES

SCHEDULE H TAX CREDIT FOR HOMEOWNERS AND RENTERS: The Homeowner and Rental Property Tax Credit (Schedule H) is a property tax credit for homeowners and renters whose property taxes, or rent constituting property taxes, are above a certain percentage of their household income. The amount of credit changes based on factors such as household income, total property taxes owed, age and disabled status. Use the D-40 Individual Income tax booklet to determine your credit amount. Call: 202.727.4829 Info: tinyurl.com/ScheduleH2019 and tinyurl.com/AboutScheduleH

MYTAX.DC.GOV ONLINE TAX FILING FOR INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES: This is an easy online tax system for individuals and businesses to use. Note: New businesses in the District of Columbia must also complete the FR-500 New Business Registration Form online. Call: 202.759.1946 Email: e-services.otr@dc.gov Info: mytax.dc.gov and otr.cfo.dc.gov/mytaxdc

TAX CHANGES FOR 2020: In response to the coronavirus outbreak, the deadline for Federal Income Taxes and DC Taxes was extended to July 15th, 2020. Info: otr.cfo.dc.gov/release/learn-about-tax-year-2020-filing-season-changes and irs.gov/newsroom/payment-deadline-extended-to-july-15-2020

CENSUS

The U.S. Census is available online, by mail and by phone and in multiple languages. If you did not complete it by the April 1st deadline, then please do so soon as possible. This will ensure that Ward 5 has the resources it needs for the people who live, work, and play here. By law, everyone living in the United States and its five territories is required to be counted in the Census. Also by law, the Census Bureau cannot release any identifiable information about you, your home, or your business, even to law enforcement agencies per Title 13 of the U.S. Code. Call: 844.330.2020

Info: 2020census.gov/en/contact-us.html, census.gov, 2020census.gov, dccensus2020.dc.gov ;and ask.census.gov

ELECTIONS

DC BOARD OF ELECTIONS (DCBOE) ENCOURAGES ABSENTEE VOTING: DCBOE has new measures to increase voter access and safety during June's Primary Election. They are expanding their mail-in ballot capabilities and encouraging residents to send in absentee ballots. Call: 202.727.2525 or 202.741.5283 Info: tinyurl.com/DCbOE-INFO

REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT IN DC: For health and safety reasons, DCBOE encourages voters to use absentee ballots for the June 2nd primary. Call: 202.741.5283 Info: dcboe.org/Request-Your-Ballot-by-Mail

CALENDAR: Call: DC Board of Elections (DCBOE) 202727.2525 Info: dcboe.org/Elections/2020-Elections, vote4dc.com and register to vote at dcboe.org/Voters/Register-To-Vote/Check-Voter-Registration-Status

Date	Event	Register:	By Mail	Online	In Person
Tue, Jun 2	Primary Election		Tue, May 12	Tue, May 12	Tue, Jun 2
Tue, Jun 16	Ward 2 Special Election		Tue, Jun 9	Tue, Jun 9	Tue, Jun 16
Tue, Nov 3	General Election		Tue, Oct 13	Tue, Oct 13	Tue, Nov 3

CONSUMERS

REPORT PRICE GOUGING: District law prevents any individual or company from overcharging for similar goods or services that were sold in the 90 days before the Mayor's state of emergency declaration e.g. for products such as hand sanitizer, tissue paper, and cleaning products. Law breakers are subject to fines and license and permit revocations. Report price gouging Call: Office of the Attorney General (OAG) 202.442.9828 Info: tinyurl.com/consumer-protection-awareness

SCAMS AND FRAUD

Beware of emails and social media claiming to: (1) be from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) or experts saying that they have information about the virus. For the most up-to-date information about the Coronavirus and prevention tips, visit the CDC and the World Health Organization (WHO), (2) cure COVID-19, (3) need donations (4) offer discounts or free items in exchange for personal information.

Consult a medical professional for questions about prevention and treatment. Ignore offers for vaccinations and be wary of advertisements for cures or treatments for the disease. While the best way to prevent this illness is to avoid exposure to the virus, the CDC and the DC Department of Health have tips to prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses.

Do your own research. Just because an organization uses words such as "CDC" or "government" in its name, or has reputable-looking marketing materials, does not mean it is legitimate. There are several ways to verify whether a charity is real including contacting the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) Call: 202.727.3400

Info: oag.dc.gov/consumer-protection/consumer-alert-charity-scams

Report scams to Office of the Attorney General (OAG) Call: 202.442.9828 Email: consumer.protection@dc.gov

Info: tinyurl.com/consumer-protection-awareness

Fight Utility Scams: Examples include the Disconnection Threat, the Overpayment Trick, Fake Bills, Leak Deception, Equipment or Repair Fees, and the One Ring Scam. Learn more Call: 202.626.5120 Info: fightutilityscams.com

BUSINESS

LOCAL STORES OPERATING:

Offering Phone or Online Orders and Pickup or Delivery

Name	Website	Phone	f	✉	✉
Anxo	anxodc.com	202.986.3795	@ANXOcider	@anxicider	@ANXOcider
Best One Liquor		202.232.3330			
Big Bear Cafe	bigbearcafe-dc.com	202.643.9222	@BigBearCafeDC	@bigbearcafe	@bigbearcafe
DCity Smoke House	dcitysmokehouse.com	202.733.1919	@BrisketSquad	@DCitySmokehouse	@dcitysmokehouse
Glassey	glasseydc.com	202.483.8286	@glasseydc	@glasseydc	
KoChix		202.232.3468			
Meats and Foods	meatsandfoods.com	202.505.1384	@MeatsAndFoods	@meats.and.foods	@MeatsAndFoods
Sunset Wine & Spirits		202.483.8285			
The Pub & The People	thepubandthepeople.com	202.234.1800	@pubandthepeople	@pubandthepeople	@pubandthepeople
Other Stores Operating:	Rafael Grocery	202.462.3756	233 Florida Ave NW		

BUSINESS LICENSING AND PERMITTING EXTENSION: The Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) is operational, but encourages residents and businesses to utilize their online services. Any business, vending, professional or occupational licenses etc. that expire during the declared emergency will be considered valid. People will until 45 days after the declared emergency is over to renew. Customers filing 2020 biennial reports between April 2nd and June 1st will not incur the late filing fee. The same is true for trade name renewals. Call: 202.442.4400. Email: dcra@dc.gov. Info: content.govdelivery.com/accounts/DCWASH/bulletins/2810507

EVENTS DC OFFERS PANDEMIC SUPPORT FOR HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY: Events DC, Washington DC's official convention and sports authority announced an \$18 million hospitality and tourism relief package to address the impact of COVID-19 pandemic. Info: tinyurl.com/hospitality-relieve-support Call: 202.249.3000

MAYOR'S GUIDANCE ON GROCERY STORES AND MASKS: The Mayor issued protocols for indoor retail food sellers, e.g. grocery and convenience stores. Provisions include: retail food sellers must post signs at each entrance instructing all customers to wear a mask or mouth covering, stores must create one-way aisles where possible and limit the number of people in their stores at one time, provide adequate hand sanitizers or disinfecting wipes at all entry and exit ways and throughout the store, and stores generally serving more than 50 people per day must install plexiglass or plastic dividers between customers and employees. Call: 311 Info: tinyurl.com/mayor-order-on-social-distance

SIDEWALK EXTENSION PLAN TO SUPPORT SOCIAL DISTANCING NEAR ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES: Mayor Muriel Bowser announced that the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) will temporarily extend sidewalks near grocery stores and other essential retailers to allow pedestrians enough space to practice social distancing during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Sidewalk extensions will be located in all eight wards of the District, based upon DDOT's evaluation and suggestions from the public. Call: 202.673.6813. Info: tinyurl.com/Sidewalk-Extension-Plan

HEALTHCARE

DC CONVENTION CENTER TO BE CONVERTED INTO ALTERNATE CARE FACILITY: In coordination with the Bowser Administration, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, has issued a design/build contract to convert the Walter E. Washington Convention Center into an alternate care facility to support the DC's COVID-19 response. By the first week of May, 500 beds are expected to be ready. Call: 202.727.2643 Info: tinyurl.com/dc-convention-center-alternate

INFRASTRUCTURE

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION RETAIL CHOICE: DC residents can choose a competitive provider for electricity and natural gas supply service, and for local exchange telephone service. Consumers can make choices based upon competitive price offerings such as wind power, solar, geothermal, etc. Call: 202-626-5100 Info: dcpse.org

PEPCO BILL ASSISTANCE: Call: 877.PEPCO.62 (877.737.2662) Info: pepco.com

Coronavirus Outbreak: Pepco is offering continued assistance for customers impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, by suspending service disconnections and waiving new late payment fees through at least June 1. They will work with customers on a case-by-case basis to set up payment arrangements and identify energy assistance options.

Call: customer service 202.833.7500 Info: pepco.com/SafetyCommunity/Safety/Pages/coronavirus.aspx

Budget Billing averages payments over a 12-month period to help customers manage their monthly energy costs.

Call: Customer Care at 202.833.7500 Info: pepco.com/MyAccount/MyBillUsage/Pages/BudgetBilling.aspx

Gift Of Energy Program: You can give a payment toward a friend or family member's energy bill. Call: 202.833.7500 Info: pepco.com/MyAccount/CustomerSupport/Pages/MD/GiftOfEnergy.aspx

The Greater Washington Urban League (GWUL) Utility Assistance - Pepco Energy Assistance: Apply for up to \$500 once per year to help pay for their electric and gas utilities bills. Call: 202.265.8200 Info: gwul.org/utility-assistance

PEPCO COVID-19 SAFETY REQUEST FOR HOME VISITS: PEPCO requests that when customers receive service visits from their technicians that customers please wear masks and observe social distancing.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT (DOEE): Call: 202.535.2600 Info: doee.dc.gov

Low-income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP): provides grants in varying amounts based on a household's income size, type of fuel, and type of dwelling, with no payback required. Call: 311 Info: doee.dc.gov/liheap

The Utility Discount Program (UDP): helps low-income residents to reduce utility costs, specifically a discount up to \$475 per year on their electric bill, and \$300 per year for non-electric heat. Call: 202.535.2600 Info: doee.dc.gov/udp

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS (DCRA) LAUNCHES 'SCOUT': This is a new, online, one-stop-shop resource to find and track permits, licenses, inspections, enforcement actions, and regulatory information across the District. Users can search by street address, business name, person's name, permit, or license number. Call: 202.442.4400 Info: scout.dcrdc.gov

DCRA BUILDING PERMITS: Info: tinyurl.com/DCBuildingPermits

EVENTS

May 19—ANC 5E: Meetings are on 3rd Tuesdays, except in July and August. They are typically held at Friendship-Armstrong Public Charter School, 1400 1st Street NW. **Check website for May's venue.**
Info: anc5edc.blogspot.com and @ANC5E

May 18—BLOOMINGDALE CIVIC ASSOCIATION: Meets on 3rd Mondays, except on holidays, when it meets the following Monday. They are typically held at St. George's Episcopal Church, 160 U St NW. **Check website for May's venue.** Email: ReachBloomingdaleCA@gmail.com Info: bloomingdalecivicassociation.org and @BloomingdaleCA

May 4—BATES CIVIC ASSOCIATION: Typically meets on 1st Mondays, except on holidays, when it meets the following Monday. **Check website blog for May's venue.** batesareacivicassociation.org/blog and @dcbaca

Ongoing—THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON D.C.'S "IN REAL TIME": This initiative documents the public's daily experiences coping with this unprecedented disruption to normal life. Participants complete a brief survey, journal and post or mail in a variety of media. Call: 202-516-1363 Info: dchistory.org/in-real-time