

## COVID-19 UPDATES AND RESOURCES

### Prince William County Tools & Resources on COVID-19



As we seek to deal with the wide-reaching impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, Prince William County's first priority is the safety and security of its residents while ensuring that its response to this unfolding situation leaves no one behind. The County's departments have put into effect previously determined business continuity plans and stand ready to continue to effectively serve the needs of our community. To access news and updates on COVID-19 as well as information on how to access departments, services and resources, click [here](#) and [here](#).

### Department of Development and Office of Tourism Partner to Provide Businesses with Tools & Resources on COVID-19



The Department of Economic Development and the Office of Tourism have jointly developed a web page designed to provide dedicated information and resources for our local business community. To access the web page, click [here](#).

### Prince William County COVID-19 Business Impact Assessment Survey



In an effort to better assess the impact on COVID-19 on our business community, the Department is administering a 5-minute Business Impact Assessment survey. Responses will remain confidential and the results of this survey will be used in aggregate to help determine the economic and human impact of COVID-19. To access the survey, click [here](#).

## KUDOS

### MurLarkey Distilled Spirits Partners with Prince William County to Produce Hand Sanitizer



MurLarkey Distilled Spirits has partnered with Prince William County as well as the Prince William Service Authority to make hand sanitizer for area first responders and healthcare workers. In so doing, the local distillery is helping to alleviate the critical shortage of hand sanitizer and is doing its part in the fight against COVID-19. Read more [here](#).

### Prince William County School Students 3D Printing Personal Protective Equipment



In response to the short supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) for health care workers brought on by COVID-19, some current and former Prince William County School students have stepped up to help by creating protective face shields using their 3D printers. Read more [here](#).

### Brickyard Coworking Space Opens Its Doors in Woodbridge



Brickyard, the suburban coworking concept, opened its doors to its Woodbridge space in February. Located at 2700 Neabco Common Place, Suite #101, the 7,110 sq. ft. coworking space features 20 desks, 18 private offices, fully equipped conference rooms, private phone booths, and large common areas that double as event space. Amenities include 24/7 access, gigabit speed internet, printing and copying, business mail service, and unlimited coffee, tea, and soda. The initiative was awarded a \$400,000 grant from the Prince William County Board of Supervisors through a public-private partnership agreement. Read more [here](#).

## LIFE SCIENCES & BIOTECHNOLOGY



The Department of Economic Development is committed to serving you, our business clients and partners, during these challenging economic times. We are working assiduously to help you minimize any disruption to your day-to-day operations and will strive to provide you with the same level of service you have come to expect. We, along with our partners at the Office of Tourism, have compiled a [list of resources](#) to assist you as you seek to mitigate the effects of COVID-19. I urge you to check in periodically as we will be adding updates and resources when we become aware of them. I encourage you to complete our [Business Impact Assessment Survey](#) as we seek to formulate a comprehensive view of the effects of this pandemic. Your responses will help in the assessment of the economic and human impact of this pandemic. Lastly, do not hesitate to [contact us](#) if you have any questions or would like to schedule a business consultation. We look forward to hearing from you as working together, we will ensure that our businesses and our community remain [PrinceWilliamStrong](#). Until next time, be safe, be healthy.

### Prince William Strong



### Meet Our New Small Business Development Manager



Clarice Grove  
Small Business Manager

## Ceres Nanosciences, Inc. Works on Strengthening Test for COVID-19



Former Prince William Science Accelerator tenant, Ceres Nanosciences, Inc. (Ceres), believes that its Nanotrap® particle technology could help combat the spread of the Coronavirus. Since the technology collects and quickly screens microscopic materials, Ceres is hoping that it can be used as an add-on to existing tests, making them more effective without having to redevelop or create new types of diagnostics. First to graduate from the Science Accelerator, Ceres is partnering with George Mason University to share its facilities and has even received some funding support for this initiative from Schmidt Futures, a philanthropic initiative from former Google CEO Eric Schmidt and his wife, Wendy, has invested \$250,000 into the collaboration. Read more [here](#).

## George Mason University Scientist Researching for Treatment for COVID-19



Professor of virology at George Mason University, and director of the Laboratory of Molecular Virology, Fatah Kashanchi, along with his team are experimenting with drugs that can be rapidly absorbed into the lungs to stop the devastating progression of cell infections, the deadliest characteristic of the COVID-19 disease. If all goes according to plan, Dr. Kashanchi will soon have outcomes that will tell him if his research into a possible treatment for the disease is on the right track. Read more [here](#).

## George Mason University Researchers Receive 750K in NIH Funding for Prosthetic Research



George Mason University Researchers have received \$750K in funding from the National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (founded at the National Institutes of Health). The research project seeks to improve the functionality of prosthetic limbs and potentially improve quality of life for amputees. There are approximately 50,000 individuals living with upper limb loss in the US, however, a large proportion (35-45%) of upper extremity amputees discontinue use of their prosthesis, mainly due to limited functionality and usability. Read more [here](#).

## PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY - NORTHERN VIRGINIA'S TOP TECH HOTSPOT

### STACK INFRASTRUCTURE & Peterson Cos. Announce Data Center Campus in Prince William County



STACK INFRASTRUCTURE and Peterson Companies announced plans to develop a data center campus in Prince William County. The 125-acre, multi-phase development will eventually offer more than 250 MW of critical load for flexible build-to-suit facilities to serve large data center users in the Northern Virginia market. The 25-acre initial phase of the project will deliver 700,000 square feet, serving 72 MW of critical capacity beginning as early as the

end of 2020. Read more [here](#).

## Northern Virginia Community College Opens Fab Lab at Manassas Campus



In January, the Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) celebrated the opening of its new Fab Lab at its Manassas Campus. The lab provides hands-on support to NOVA's Engineering Technology degree and hands-on STEM opportunities for college students, staff, and community members. The Fab Lab Makerspace provides workshops, demonstrations, project collaborations with NOVA classes, tours, field trips, and special events to help enhance STEM learning and

develop STEM skills. The facility is a joint collaboration with Micron Technology, U.S. Army's Night Vision and Sensors Directorate and BAE Systems. Read more [here](#).

## Thomas Dolby is Virginia Simulation and Game Institute's 2020 Pioneer in Residence



Thomas Dolby, the 2020 Virginia Serious Game Institute (VSGI) Pioneer in Residence, spoke to Mason students, faculty and staff about games, sound, and music in February. Dolby built a career blending music and digital technology. In

the 1980s, he wrote and performed "She Blinded Me with Science" and other hits. In

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## Prince William Science Accelerator

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- Ann Orem, Founder, Brickyard

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the 1990s, he launched Beatnik Inc., which licensed the technology to Nokia to co-develop the first embedded software synthesis "polyphonic" ringtone engine for mass-market devices like cell phones. All of the major cell phone companies of the pre-smartphone era licensed Beatnik's software. Read more [here](#) and [here](#).

## IN OTHER NEWS

### George Mason University Names Dr. Gregory Washington as its Eighth President



The George Mason University Board of Visitors announced the selection of Dr. Gregory Washington as the university's eighth president. Dr. Washington is the dean of the Henry Samueli School of Engineering at University of California, Irvine. He will join the university on July 1, 2020. Read more [here](#).

### JK Moving Services Expands into Prince William County



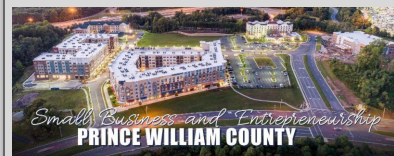
JK Moving Services, the nation's largest independently owned and operated moving company, is planning an expansion into Prince William County and creating 300 new jobs. Planned completion of JK's new 100,000 square foot building will be in the fourth quarter

of 2021 and hiring will begin shortly before that date. A second 100,000 square foot building also is planned. Read more [here](#).

### Sentara Northern Virginia Medical Center Acquires da Vinci Xi Surgical System



Sentara Northern Virginia Medical Center is pleased to announce the recent acquisition of the da Vinci Xi Surgical System. The hospital acquired the system to augment its capabilities in providing minimally invasive surgical procedures. Using the da Vinci robotic surgery system, surgeons operate with greater visualization, magnification and dexterity. Patient benefits include faster recovery time, less pain, less scarring and a lower risk of infection. Read more [here](#).



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