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Loudoun Installing More Wi-Fi Hot Spots to Help Western Loudoun Residents During COVID-19 Pandemic

Loudoun County has installed a new Wi-Fi hot spot for residents in western Loudoun. The county's Department of Information Technology has installed outdoor Wi-Fi at the Loudoun Valley Community Center in Purcellville, which is operated by the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services.

The installation of the free hot spot, which was accomplished with funds from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act, is intended to help residents who have no reliable internet service to access information about COVID-19 and complete any other type of essential online business, such as ordering groceries or other household supplies. Residents are asked to stay in their vehicles in order to maintain the physical distancing needed to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Users of the service who are not in vehicles are also asked to maintain a distance of approximately 6 feet from others.

The signal is available to access in the parking lot of the community center at 320 W. School Street in Purcellville. The name of the network is ParksRec-Public. No password is required. The service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Last year, the county worked to amplify the Loudoun County Public Library's Wi-Fi signal so that it is available to access in the parking lots immediately adjacent to the Lovettsville, Middleburg and Purcellville libraries. A similar project is underway at the Lovettsville Community Center.

Stay Informed

Loudoun County encourages residents to stay informed about COVID-19.

- Visit <u>loudoun.gov/coronavirus</u> for more information about how to protect yourself and your family and to sign up for email and text updates on COVID-19.
- Opt in to receive text messages from Loudoun County about COIVD-19:
 - o English: Text LCCOVID19 to 888777.
 - o Spanish: Text LCCOVIDESP to 888777.

Residents with questions about COVID-19 may call the Loudoun County Health Department's information line, 703-737-8300, or send an email to health@loudoun.gov.