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Loudoun County Hypothermia Shelter Opens November 15

The Loudoun County Hypothermia Shelter will open Monday, November 15, 2021, for single adults aged 18 and older in the community who are experiencing a housing crisis resulting in homelessness. The shelter, which provides a warm indoor sleeping environment, meals and shower facilities, will be open from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., seven nights a week through March 31, 2022. The shelter also provides information on other community resources, such as food, medical care and employment opportunities.

The Hypothermia Shelter is located at the Loudoun Homeless Services Center, 19520 Meadowview Court in Leesburg. A photo ID will be required for admittance to the shelter. Personal bags and belongings must be limited. All bags will be searched. The Loudoun County firearms ordinance prohibits firearms and ammunition in county facilities. All bags will be stored in a locked room for security during the night.

Additionally, the following Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines for COVID-19 safety are required to be followed for admittance to the shelter:

- Temperature checks: Temperatures will be taken with a no-contact thermometer.
- Masks: A face covering will be provided for anyone who does not have one.
- COVID-19 symptom screening: Questionnaires will be administered verbally by shelter staff.
- Hand sanitizer: Hand sanitizer will be available for cleaning hands frequently.
- Social distancing: Maintain distance from others.

Free bus transportation will be provided daily at the times and locations listed below:

- Loudoun County Transit Bus Route 82 bus stop across the street from the William Watters House located at 22365 Enterprise Street in Sterling. The bus arrives at 5:30 p.m. and departs at 5:45 p.m.
- Loudoun County Transit Bus Route 57 bus stop near the right rear side of the Shenandoah building located at 102 Heritage Way, NE in Leesburg. The bus arrives at 6:30 p.m. and departs at 6:45 p.m.

On weekends and holidays, the county will also provide a morning shuttle drop-off from the shelter to each of the stops noted above.

The Hypothermia Shelter, formerly called the Cold Weather Shelter, is operated by Loudoun County in partnership with the Loudoun County Continuum of Care (CoC). The CoC is a coalition of public, nonprofit and faith-based organizations that provide a variety of shelter and support services to those experiencing homelessness or people at risk of becoming homeless. Staff support for the CoC is provided by the Loudoun County Department of Family Services.

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More information about services available to those experiencing homelessness in Loudoun County may be found at loudoun.gov/CoC or by calling 703-777-0420.

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