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### Loudoun County Hypothermia Prevention Shelter Opens November 15

The Loudoun County Hypothermia Prevention Shelter will open Wednesday, November 15, 2023, for single adults aged 18 and older in the community who are experiencing a housing crisis resulting in homelessness. This temporary shelter, which provides a warm indoor sleeping environment and meals, will be open from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 a.m., seven nights a week through March 31, 2024.

The Hypothermia Prevention Shelter is located at 16450 Meadowview Court in Leesburg, just past the Loudoun Homeless Services Center. The shelter had been previously co-located within the Loudoun Homeless Services Center, which had a limited capacity. This new temporary location allows for additional capacity, while remaining in close proximity to daytime services, if needed.

All shelter guests will be required to first check in at the Loudoun Homeless Services Center located at 19520 Meadowview Court. After checking in, guests will be served dinner and then directed to the Hypothermia Prevention Shelter.

For safety and security, all guests will be asked to store personal belongings (outside of limited essential items) in secure storage on site. The Loudoun County firearms ordinance prohibits firearms and ammunition in county facilities.

For daytime drop-in services, individuals may visit the Loudoun Homeless Services Center. The center is located at 19520 Meadowview Court in Leesburg and is open every day from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The center provides meals, laundry and shower facilities as well as information on other community resources, such as food, clothing, medical care, mental health care, public benefits, obtaining an ID and employment opportunities.

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

- **Sterling:** Loudoun County Transit Bus Route 82 bus stop across the street from the William Watters House, 22365 Enterprise St. in Sterling. Pickup time is 5:00 p.m.
- **Leesburg:** The front of the Shenandoah Office Building, 102 Heritage Way NE in Leesburg. Pickup time is between 5:30 – 6:00 p.m.
- More information about transportation is available by calling the Loudoun Homeless Services Center at 703-771-5429.

The Hypothermia Prevention Shelter and the Loudoun Homeless Services Center are operated by Loudoun County in partnership with Shelter House, Inc. and 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.

More information about services available to those experiencing homelessness in Loudoun County may be found at [loudoun.gov/homelesssservices](http://loudoun.gov/homelesssservices) or by calling Loudoun County Information and Referral at 703-777-0420, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. For support after hours, call the Loudoun Homeless Services Center at 703-771-5429.

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