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## **Loudoun County to Operate Warming Station February 18, 2019**

Loudoun County is planning to operate a warming station at the Sterling Community Center on Monday, February 18, 2019.

Adults ages 18 and older who need shelter from the elements on Monday are encouraged to come to the Sterling Community Center, located at 120 Enterprise Street in Sterling, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

As a reminder, the Loudoun County Cold Weather Shelter is open through March 31, 2019, at the Sterling Community Center for adults in the community who are experiencing a housing crisis resulting in homelessness. The shelter, which provides a warm indoor sleeping environment, is open from 9:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. seven nights a week. In addition to a place to sleep, the shelter provides case management, mental health services and other resources.

Free transportation will be provided from the Douglass Community Center in Leesburg to the Sterling Community Center with a shuttle bus departing from the Douglass Community Center twice on Monday, February 18: at 8:00 a.m. for the warming station and 9:00 p.m. for the Cold Weather Shelter.

The shelter is operated by Loudoun County in partnership with the <u>Loudoun County</u> <u>Continuum of Care</u> (CoC). The CoC is a coalition of public, nonprofit and faith-based organizations that provide a variety of shelter and support services to persons who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Staff support for the CoC is provided by the Loudoun County Department of Family Services.