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COVID-19 Update

COVID19 NUMBERS	
VIRGINIA	LOUDOUN
51,738	3,174
5,203	185
1,496	67

Governor's Updates

Governor Ralph Northam today announced a phased approach that allows Virginia schools to slowly resume in-person classes for summer school and the coming academic year. The K-12 phased reopening plan was developed by the Office of the Secretary of

Education, Virginia Department of Health, and the Virginia Department of Education and is informed by guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Local school divisions will have discretion on how to operationalize within each phase and may choose to offer more limited in-person options than the phase permits, if local public health conditions necessitate. Entry into each phase is dependent on public health gating criteria, corresponding with the Forward Virginia plan. School divisions will have flexibility to implement plans based on the needs of their localities, within the parameters of the Commonwealth's guidance.

All PreK-12 schools in Virginia will be required to deliver new instruction to students for the 2020-2021 academic year, regardless of the operational status of school buildings. The PreK-12 guidance is aligned with the phases outlined in the Forward Virginia blueprint and provides opportunities for school divisions to begin offering in-person instruction to specific student groups.

The opportunities for in-person instruction in each phase are as follows:

- **Phase One:** Special education programs and child care for working families
- **Phase Two:** Phase One plus preschool through third grade students, English learners, and summer camps in school buildings
- **Phase Three:** All students may receive in-person instruction as can be accommodated with strict social distancing measures in place, which may require alternative schedules that blend in-person and remote learning for students
- **Beyond Phase Three:** Divisions will resume “new-normal” operations under future guidance

Governor Northam stated that the majority of school districts will be able to enter Phase 2 immediately. Detailed information on each phase can be found in the guidance document available [here](#).

Visit Loudoun School Board Vice Chair Atoosa Reaser on Facebook for additional updates: <https://www.facebook.com/LCPSReaser/>.

Governor Northam also announced a temporary statewide moratorium on all eviction proceedings in Virginia. The Governor requested this moratorium in a letter sent to Virginia Supreme Court Chief Justice Donald Lemons this weekend. The Chief Justice's order remains in effect through June 28.

The temporary moratorium will halt all eviction proceedings for a period of nearly three weeks, as the Northam administration implements a comprehensive rent relief program for the thousands of Virginians facing housing insecurity in the midst of this public health crisis. More information is available here: <https://bit.ly/2YIUTYI>



Need for Medical Reserve Corps Volunteers Continues

Interested in helping your community during the COVID-19 pandemic? The Loudoun Medical Reserve Corps is looking for volunteers to help support the public health response to the pandemic. No medical experience is necessary. There are many non-medical roles to fill. Find out more at loudoun.gov/mrc



Loudoun Talks: Job Resources with Shelly Rodriguez

Join Loudoun County Public Library for an interview with Shelly Rodriguez of the Loudoun Workforce Resource Center on Wednesday, June 10, 2020, from 3-3:30 p.m. Learn about COVID-related workforce changes in

Loudoun and what new resources are available.

- Loudoun Talks is a series of live video interviews to uncover the diverse interests, careers and experiences reflected in the Loudoun community.
- There will be an opportunity to ask questions after the short interview.
- Join the program online from this link, which will be activated a few minutes before the start time. Note that you may have to install a WebEx application prior to joining the program. The password, if requested, is LCPL.

Please visit loudoun.gov/temporarclosures before visiting county offices to check on the status of operations at our various facilities.



Don't Delay Emergency Care

The Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System and StoneSprings Hospital are working together to ensure our residents and visitors are not delaying critical emergency care because of COVID-19 fears.

If you have a medical emergency, call 9-1-1 right away. Loudoun's first responders and local hospitals are prepared and specifically trained to safely treat patients during the current COVID-19 pandemic.

Loudoun residents are doing a good job of staying at home and slowing the spread of COVID-19. However, recent trends show that people suffering symptoms of serious medical conditions are not calling 9-1-1 or visiting emergency rooms out of fear that they may be exposed to COVID-19. Local emergency rooms have crafted specific policies and procedures to protect patients and staff:

- Isolating COVID-19 patients, as well as suspected COVID-19 cases, to a designated section of the hospital
- Rigorous sterilization and cleaning process between patient visits
- Access restrictions and strict visitation policy
- Comprehensive screening and temperature checks for staff and patients
- Universal masking requirements for staff, patients, and visitors

Always call 9-1-1 if you experience trouble breathing, loss of consciousness, serious bleeding, or signs of a stroke or heart attack. For these life-threatening conditions, faster treatment means better outcomes so do not delay care when you need it. For more information view this video from Dr. Cook and Deputy Chief of Emergency Medical Services Micah Kiger, [Don't Delay, 9-1-1 and the ER are Safe Every Day.](#)

Please share any messages of hope you see. Submissions may be sent to Zachary Harris at zachary.harris@loudoun.gov and we'll share them in our updates and newsletter.

If you are having trouble paying your utilities because of COVID-19, visit the County's webpage on [COVID-19 Utilities](#). You will find program information on:

Columbia Gas
Dominion Power
Loudoun Water
NOVEC
Washington Gas
Wi-fi Connectivity

For More Current COVID-19 Information

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Email: Health@Loudoun.gov

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