



Dear Leesburg Resident,

Governor Ralph Northam announced that Northern Virginia, including Loudoun County, will enter Phase Two of the “Forward Virginia” reopening plan today, Friday, June 12th. Governor Northam indicated Virginia’s health metrics overall are “looking positive,” citing the downward trend in the percent of positive tests and hospitalizations due to COVID-19 over 14 days, sufficient hospital capacity and personal protection equipment (PPE) and increasing testing capacity.

Phase Two of the plan:

- Increases the number of people allowed to gather in groups from 10 to 50 people; the restrictions do not apply to people performing functions of their employment.
- Allows restaurants, breweries, wineries, etc., to offer indoor service in accordance with a number of guidelines, including seating patrons six feet apart, not exceeding 50% capacity of the establishment, and limiting the total number of patrons to 50.
- Allows fitness centers, gymnasiums, etc., to reopen in accordance with a number of guidelines, including keeping patrons at least ten feet apart and limiting the total number of attendees to 30% of the facility’s occupancy capacity.
- Allows brick and mortar retail stores and personal grooming businesses to continue to operate in accordance with a number of guidelines, including limiting the total number of patrons to 50% of the facility’s occupancy capacity.
- Allows outdoor and indoor swimming pools to open for lap swimming, diving, exercise, and instruction only and be limited to no more than three persons per lane with ten feet of physical distance per swimmer.
- Allows people to attend religious services in accordance with a number of guidelines, including limiting the total number of attendees to 50% of the facility’s occupancy capacity, seating attendees six feet apart (except for family members), and disinfecting frequently-contacted surfaces before and after religious services.

Some recreational businesses must remain closed in Phase Two, including indoor theaters, performing arts centers, and concert venues, as well as businesses and events, such as bowling alleys, amusement parks and fairs/carnivals. Please read the Phase Two guidelines for all business sectors at the link below.

Phase Two Guidelines

The Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) has announced the opening of many facilities, programs and services beginning Monday, June 15th. Please read the news release below for more details.

PRCS Reopenings

While we move into Phase Two, Governor Northam's executive order, which requires the use of face coverings in most public indoor locations, remains in effect until amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Please see the Town's press release for changes as services resume at Ida Lee Park Recreation Center, Thomas Balch Library and Town Hall.

Town Press Release

Greenway Public Hearing

Loudoun County residents and businesses who wish to offer comment on the Dulles Greenway's proposed rate hike may do so by telephone during a State Corporation Commission (SCC) public hearing, which is scheduled to begin at 10:00 am, Tuesday, June 30th.

Toll Road Investors Partnership II, LP ("TRIP II"), the Australia-based company which owns the Greenway, seeks a 6 to 6.8% toll rate increase each year over the next five years. In April, Loudoun County announced its strong opposition to the proposed rate hike.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the SCC is conducting the public hearing remotely. Anyone who would like to provide up to five minutes of comment by telephone may sign up by:

- Filling out a form on the commission's website,
- Sending an email to the SCC, or
- Calling 804-371-9141 during normal business hours.

The deadline to provide contact information to the SCC is 5:00 pm, Friday, June 26th. More information about the proposed rate hike, including links to documents associated with the case, may be found on the SCC's website.

SCC's website

Courthouse Construction: Church Street

Residents who drive or walk through the Town of Leesburg may notice an increase in construction activity along Church Street NE, near the site of the new courthouse. The sidewalk on the east side of Church Street will close to pedestrians through the duration of the construction project. In addition, the street will temporarily narrow to vehicle traffic due to the installation of construction fencing; this construction is expected to last 15 to 20 days, after which the road will be restored to its current width for vehicle traffic.

In the coming months, Church Street is expected to close while a tunnel under the road is constructed. The county will announce the planned closure of Church Street in advance. In addition, those in the vicinity of the new courthouse should expect an increase in construction noise as the contractor works to remove an old building foundation that is currently buried on-site. This work is expected to last two weeks.

For more information about the new courthouse construction project, including contact information, and to sign up for e-mail and text updates on the project, visit the website.

[Courthouse Expansion website](#)

Congratulations to Leesburg's graduating seniors! I wish you the best of luck in all your future endeavors.

Warm Regards,

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