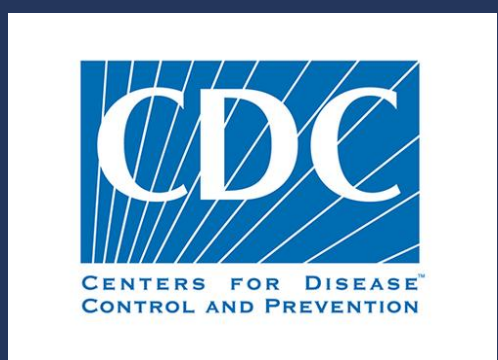




COVID-19 UPDATES
~AUGUST 12, 2020~

CDC Update: Considerations for Wearing Masks



The CDC updated its website to address masks with vents. The CDC does not recommend using face coverings or masks with exhalation valves or vents.

Masks are recommended as a simple barrier to help prevent respiratory droplets from traveling into the air and onto other people when the person wearing the mask coughs, sneezes, talks, sings, or raises their voice. Masks with one-way valves or vents allow air—and expelled respiratory droplets—to be exhaled through a hole in the material. Therefore, masks with exhalation valves or vents do not prevent the person wearing the mask from transmitting COVID-19 to others.

[Learn More](#)

**Emergency SNAP Benefits Will Be Released
August 16th**

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) participants will continue to receive emergency benefits during the month of August as part of the Virginia Department of Social Services' ongoing effort to assist households in meeting their nutritional needs during the COVID19 pandemic.

Eligible households include SNAP participants who are not already receiving the maximum allotment as part of their regular monthly benefit. Consistent with the emergency allotments provided during the months of March-July, benefits will be automatically loaded to recipients' Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) cards. Eligible recipients can expect to have benefits available on Sunday, August 16.

The status of future emergency benefits beyond the month of August is unknown at this time, pending decisions by the United States Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service.

SNAP participants with questions related to their benefits are encouraged to contact their [local department of social services](#) or visit CommonHelp at [commonhelp.virginia.gov](https://www.commonhelp.virginia.gov) to access account information.



Joint Statement from the Census Bureau and Centers for Disease Control on Conducting 2020 Census Non-Response Follow-Up Interviews



This week, the CDC and the Census Bureau released a joint statement regarding the COVID-19 transmission risk associated with Census staff visiting households who have not responded to the 2020 Census.

According to the news release, "Participation in 2020 Census interviews should present a low risk

of transmission of COVID-19. Census takers are trained to rigorously and universally follow these CDC recommendations to mitigate risk of transmission: wearing of face masks; maintaining social distance of 6' or more; practicing hand hygiene; and not entering homes, and conducting interviews outside as much as possible or practical."

[Read the Full Press Release](#)

Loudoun Election Officials Encourage Voters to Apply Online Now to Vote Absentee in November

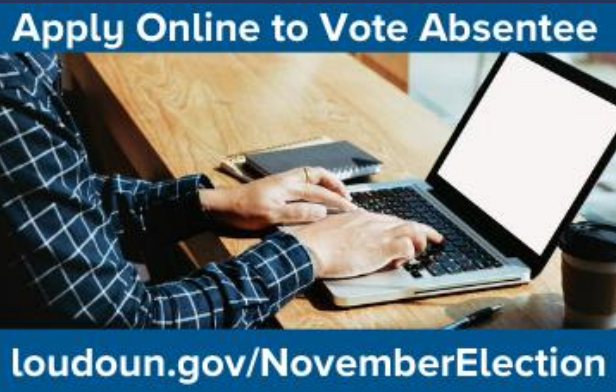
Loudoun County election officials encourage voters to apply now to cast an absentee ballot by mail in the upcoming November general election.

While some third-party organizations, including the Center for Voter Information, are distributing vote-by-mail application forms, Loudoun

County election officials encourage voters to [apply online](#) through the Virginia Department of Elections. [Applications may also be downloaded](#) from the Virginia Department of Elections and, once completed, mailed, faxed or emailed to the [Loudoun County Office of Elections and Voter Registration](#). Officials say anyone who has difficulty downloading the application may use the form they receive in the mail.

All registered voters are eligible to vote absentee in the November 3, 2020, election. The ballots will not be available to be mailed to voters until September 18, 2020, but voters may apply now for an absentee ballot. Voters who have already applied for an absentee ballot do not need to submit a new application.

[More Info on Voting in the November General Election in Loudoun](#)



Virtual Job Fair August 19th



The Loudoun Workforce Resource Center will host a Loudoun Virtual Job Fair on **Wednesday, August 19, 2020, with online sessions running from 9:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m.**

The Virtual Job Fair will feature local employers with full-time, part-time and temporary job openings in Loudoun County and the region.

Those planning to attend the job fair are encouraged to [pre-register](#) to receive reminders and updates.


A preparatory workshop is being held on Wednesday, August 12, 2020, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Register online at loudoun.gov/wrcworkshops.

[Read the news release for more details](#)

'Friends of the Sterling Library' Needs Your Help

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, members of the Sterling community were working to relaunch the Friends of the Sterling library (FOSL) group. The Sterling library was the only branch within the Loudoun County Public library system that did not have a friends support group.

FOSL has been meeting virtually since March and just completed their bylaws. FSOL is now recruiting members and leadership for the FOSL board.



Join FOSL!
The Friends of the Sterling Library's next virtual meeting is on
Sept. 2nd at 7pm
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1393076674234629/>
or
complete our survey to learn more
<https://forms.gle/PuzZHkdgHDh1JCTF8>

Do you know anyone that would be interested in supporting FOSL?

FSOL is also working to identify needs within our library as well as our community at large. The public's perspective would be greatly appreciated, and they have created a [survey](#) for members of the Sterling community to complete.

The next FSOL meeting will be held virtually on Wednesday, September 2nd at 7:00 pm. To remain up to date on FSOL events and information in the coming months, visit and like their [Facebook page](#).

Public Input on Dulles Greenway Toll Increases Continues Through August 24



Members of the public still have the opportunity to voice their opinions about the proposed toll rate increase on the Dulles Greenway.

Documents related to the case are posted on the SCC's website: [PUR-2019-00218 - Toll Road Investors Partnership: Toll Road Investors Partnership II, LP - For authorization for an increase in the maximum levels of tolls](#)

Anyone who would like to send comments to the SCC may do so by [submitting this online form](#), or by U.S. Mail to the address below by 5:00

p.m. on August 24, 2020:

Hon. Joel H. Peck, Clerk
State Corporation Commission
c/o Document Control Center
P.O. Box 2118
Richmond, VA 23218-2118

In all correspondence, anyone submitting comments should reference: "Application of Toll Road Investors Partnership II, L.P., For an Increase in the Maximum Level of Tolls – Case No. PUR-2019-00218."

COVIDWISE - Virginia's Free Exposure Notifications App

COVIDWISE is the Virginia Department of Health COVID-19 exposure notification app to facilitate contact tracing in response to the coronavirus that causes COVID-19.

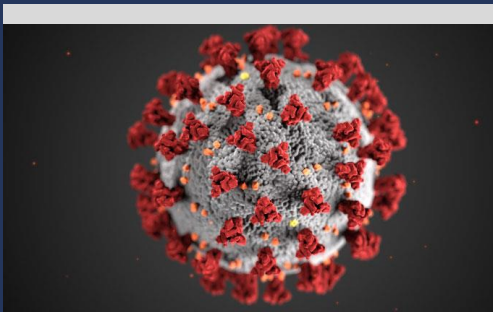
Contact tracing is a technique used by public health authorities to contact and give guidance to anyone who may have been exposed to a person who has tested positive for COVID-19. This technique will be an essential part of transitioning back to regular daily life while managing the risk of further outbreaks.

COVIDWISE uses Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) technology to quickly notify users who have likely been exposed so you can reduce the risk of infection for your friends and family and help Virginia stop the spread.

[Learn More](#)

**ADD YOUR
PHONE
TO THE
COVID FIGHT**
HELP VIRGINIA STOP COVID-19

Stay Informed!



The county continues to encourage everyone in the community to take steps to limit the spread of COVID-19, which include:

- Wear a mask/face covering ([see requirements](#))

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Loudoun County encourages residents to stay informed about COVID-19

- To receive email updates on COVID-19, visit loudoun.gov/coronavirus.
- Text **LCCOVID19** to **888777** to receive text alerts from Loudoun County about COVID-19.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer only if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Avoid contact with sick people.
- Avoid non-essential travel.

- Envíe un mensaje de texto con **LCCOVIDESP** al **888777** para actualizaciones diaras relacionadas con el coronavirus (COVID-19) en el condado de Loudoun.

Residents with questions about COVID-19 may call the Loudoun County Health Department's information line, 703-737-8300, or email health@loudoun.gov.

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