



COVID-19 UPDATES
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Governor Northam Awards Grants to Floyd, Loudoun Counties to Support Local Agriculture During COVID-19 Pandemic



Funding will go toward helping local farmers adjust to new market realities as Loudoun County launches the new e-commerce platform, "Loudoun Made, Loudoun Grown Marketplace."

The e-commerce campaign will better connect farmers with the region's consumers and provide support through advertising, technical assistance, and establishing drop-off locations.

[Read the Full Press Release](#)

'Disasters Don't Wait. Make Your Plan Today.' September is National Preparedness Month

The impact of Hurricane Laura on the Gulf Coast and the ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic serve as reminders to Loudoun County residents and businesses to take time to prepare for all types of emergencies in September, which is recognized as National Preparedness month.



Steps to Prepare for Emergencies

Emergency management officials urge everyone to follow a few simple steps for emergency preparedness. Everything families and businesses operators need to know [is available online](#).

Make a Plan

Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so it is important to plan ahead for how to get to a safe place, contact loved ones and reunite once the emergency is over.

Build a Kit

Being prepared means having your own food, water and other supplies to last for at least 72 hours. A disaster supplies kit is a collection of basic items your household may need in the event of an emergency.

Be Informed

Know the types of [hazards](#) that may occur and how you will receive information before, during and after an emergency.

[Get More Details on How to Prepare](#)

Department of Family Services Expands In-Person Services



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The Loudoun County Department of Family Services (DFS) has expanded in-person services at two locations, the Eastern Family Services Center and the Workforce Resource Center.

The following COVID-19 prevention measures will be in place for visitors at both locations:

- Face coverings are required; if you do not have one, a face covering will be provided to you.
- Stay 6 feet apart from others.

Additionally, staff continue to provide virtual support for a variety of programs, resources, and services.

The Eastern Family Services Center 21641 Ridgetop Circle, Sterling, VA

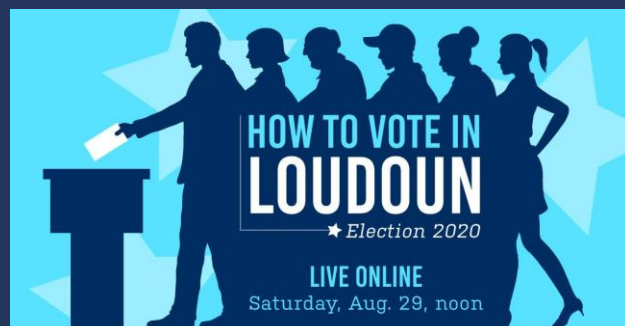
Now offering in-person services Monday-Friday from 8:30 am–12:00 pm. The reception area capacity is limited to one individual at any given time; limit the number of individuals in your party to the extent possible.

[Learn More](#)

REMINDER: Upcoming Voter Information Event

New policies are in effect for the Nov. 3, 2020 election.

Learn about Loudoun County's procedures for voting absentee and in-person from Judy Brown, Director of Loudoun County Elections & Voter Registration on ***TOMORROW, August 29th beginning at 12:00 pm.***



Go to <https://tinyurl.com/yylylhg3> shortly before noon on Saturday, Aug. 29, to join this live event. If you're using a mobile device, please download the Webex app for either [Android](#) or [iOS/Apple](#).

For more information about voting in the November 3rd general election, visit loudoun.gov/novemberelection.

Complete the 2020 Census Today



What matters most to you? Schools? Transportation? Hospitals?

Data from the U.S. Census Bureau helps inform planning efforts for all of these important community resources. The deadline for the 2020 census is just around the corner, so make sure you are counted! An

accurate snapshot means that communities across the nation receive the funding, services, and business support they deserve and need.

You can still submit your responses by completing and mailing back the paper questionnaire you received, by responding online, or by phone at [844-330-2020](tel:844-330-2020).

[Complete the Census](#)

Community Input Needed for Parks & Recreation Master Plan

The Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) has contracted for a strategic master planning process with the goal of creating an environment for providing exceptional facilities, recreational opportunities and community services that enhance the health and well-being of Loudoun



residents. Input from residents is critical to the success of the master plan. The department and PROS Consulting, Inc. will host a series of virtual public meetings.

The first meeting will be held Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2020, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. The purpose is to present an overview of the process that will be taken to create the strategic master plan and provide an opportunity for input on the current use of PRCS resources and where opportunities for improvement should be focused in the next 10 years.

The [survey](#) is now open for responses. Loudoun residents can also provide input directly by [email](#) beginning on September 10th.

[Details About the Master Planning Project](#)

PPE Donations for HealthWorks for Northern Virginia



Looking for a way to give back to our community? Please consider a donation of personal protective equipment, or PPE, to support the HealthWorks clinical teams and patients as they continue to test and treat patients for COVID-19.

HealthWorks provides high-quality and affordable health care for patients of all backgrounds, ages and incomes. Throughout the course of the coronavirus pandemic, HealthWorks expanded their services to include free COVID-19 testing and care for patients in Sterling, as well as Leesburg and Herndon. Their services have been crucial to our community's health during these challenging times and your PPE donation would be greatly appreciated.

[Make Purchases Through the HealthWorks Amazon Wish List](#)

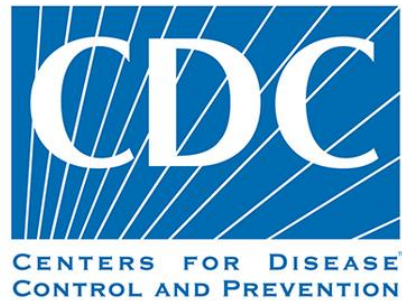
Limiting Workplace Violence Associated with COVID-19 Prevention Policies in Retail and Services Businesses

Retail or service businesses sell goods and provide services to the public and include department stores, grocery stores, gas stations, and restaurants.

These businesses are open and have started state-directed, municipality-directed, and company-directed COVID-19 prevention policies and practices to minimize the spread of the virus among employees and customers.

The CDC offers strategies to limit violence towards workers that may occur when businesses put such policies in place.

[Learn more from the CDC](#)



LCPS Providing Additional Hot Spots For Qualifying Families



Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS) has purchased a limited quantity of additional mobile internet hotspots to help provide access to internet-based instruction for qualifying students during distance learning.

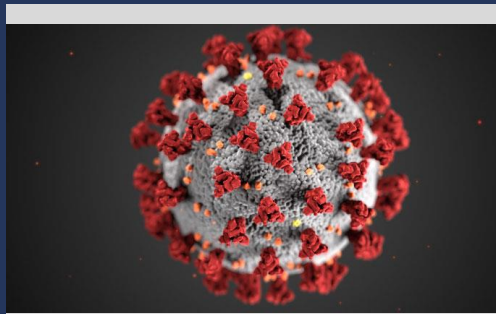
All requests for hotspots will go through a student's school. More information will be distributed by schools during the coming week. Schools will have the ability to identify students who qualify based on socio-economic conditions or educational accommodations.

Temporary hotspots may be available for families that need to bridge a gap while working to acquire additional services to meet the household needs.

Cellular coverage is required by one of LCPS' carriers – Sprint, T-Mobile or AT&T – for the hotspot to operate. If a family lives in an area without sufficient coverage, a hotspot does not help them. Additionally, LCPS is not prioritizing hotspots for households in regions that have access to adequate internet service.

[Get More Information](#)

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](#))
- 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.

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

- 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.

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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