



COVID-19 UPDATES ~SEPTEMBER 11, 2020~

Board of Supervisors to Consider Revisions to Child Care Program



The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors will consider revisions to the county's K-6 Distance Learning Child Care Program at the Board's next business meeting, which begins at 5:00 pm, Tuesday, September 15, 2020.

The proposed changes to the program include:

- Capping the number of children in the program at 600, which would eliminate the need for the use of library and community and recreation center locations.
 - Because the Ashburn and Rust libraries are not needed for the program now, [they will reopen to the public Friday, September 11, 2020.](#)
- Reducing program fees.
- Increasing the flexibility of the program by offering it for two or three days a week in addition to the current five-day program.

[More Details About Proposed Changes and the Upcoming Meeting](#)

Voting 2020: Request Your Absentee Ballot Today

Requested absentee ballots will begin going out by mail on Friday, September 18th.

Loudoun County ***DOES NOT*** mail out unsolicited absentee ballots. You must request a ballot and the fastest, most secure way to do so is online on the state's [website](#).



Please note that you must be a registered voter in Virginia to request an absentee ballot.

Dates to Know for the November 3rd Election

- **September 18:** Mailing of requested absentee ballots begins
- **September 18-October 17:** Early voting is available depending on your location
- **October 13:** Last day to update your voter registration information
- **October 23:** Last day to request an absentee ballot by mail
- **November 3:** Election Day
 - All mail-in ballots must be postmarked by this date and received by Friday, **November 6th** at 12:00 pm

Stay Informed

- Text LCVOTES to [888777](tel:888777) to receive text alerts from the Loudoun County Office of Elections and Voter Registration or sign up for the Election Update

category through [Alert Loudoun](#), the county's email and text notification system.

- Follow the Office of Elections and Voter Registration on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

Register for the K-6 Distance Learning Child Care Program



The Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) is offering all-day child care for children in grades K-6, whose parents or guardians work while their children are enrolled in distance learning. The county is taking careful infection control

measures to create a safe environment for children and PRCS staff who will be operating the program.

Loudoun County Government, in collaboration with LCPS, developed this K-6 Distance Learning Child Care Program to support employees and families in the community during a time when children otherwise would be in schools. The county identified a need for a child care program of this type and worked carefully to develop the scope of the program.

To learn more and register children in the county's child care program, visit www.loudoun.gov/DLchildcare for program and location details and to register online through the PRCS Webtrac system. Parents with questions about any PRCS program should email prcs@loudoun.gov.

In addition to the K-6 Distance Learning Child Care Program, the department's other child care programs, including CASA and YAS, also will operate as normally scheduled. Visit www.loudoun.gov/PRCS for more information.

National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month: Suicide Prevention Forum

September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month and Older Virginians Mental Health Month.

Join SPAN (Suicide Prevention Alliance of Northern Virginia) for a Suicide Prevention Forum on Tuesday, September 29, 2020 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm via GoToWebinar.

The forum, *Strengthening Resiliency & Preventing Suicide During COVID-19: A Conversation with Experts*, will be a discussion on how we can continue to build our individual and collective resiliency and equip you with some ways to talk about mental health with your friends, families and neighbors.


[Learn More and Register Today](#)

Suicide Prevention Forum

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Via GoToWebinar

loudoun.gov/suicideprevention



Federal Government Adjusts COVID-19 Entry Strategy for International Air Passengers



Dulles International Airport (IAD).

Also removed is the requirement to provide enhanced entry health screening for those passengers.

Earlier this week, the CDC announced that beginning Monday, September 14th, the federal government will remove the requirement to direct all flights carrying passengers arriving from certain countries to land at 1 of 15 designated airports, including Washington

USG resources will instead be dedicated to mitigation efforts that focus on individual passengers, including: pre-departure, in-flight, and post-arrival health education for passengers; country-specific risk assessments to assist passengers in making informed decisions about travel-related risk; post-arrival passenger recommendations for self-monitoring and precautions to protect others; and more.

[Learn More About This Decision](#)

LCPS Back to School Meal Service

LCPS recently announced a change to their meal service.

Breakfast and lunch meals will now be available 7 days a week at 93 sites for children and teens ages 18 and younger, free of charge.



Beginning September 11, Saturday and Sunday meals will be available for pick up on Fridays. Meals may be picked up at walk-up sites or bus routes. Walk-up meal service is from 10:00 am-1:00 pm.

Daily bus delivery of breakfast and lunch throughout Loudoun County consists of 2 bus runs: 11:30 am – 12:30 pm and 12:30pm – 1:30pm. View this [interactive map](#) to identify the nearest bus stop and time.

Parent pick up is available at any location that is most convenient.

[Get More Info](#)

Social Security Payroll Tax Deferral



In response to an August 8th Presidential Memorandum, the IRS issued guidance and FAQs to temporarily defer the 6.2% Social Security Tax withholdings through the end of 2020.

If wages subject to Social Security Taxes are less than \$4,000 per pay period, Social

Security taxes will be deferred automatically.

Wages subject to Social Security Taxes are gross wages less Federal Employees Health Benefits, Dental, Vision, and Health/Flexible Spending Accounts (HSA/FSA).

Deferral begins with pay period ending September 12, and individuals cannot opt out.

Deferred taxes will be collected from wages between January 1 and April 30, 2021.

[Learn More](#)

Community Input Still 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 and the department will host a series of virtual public meetings.



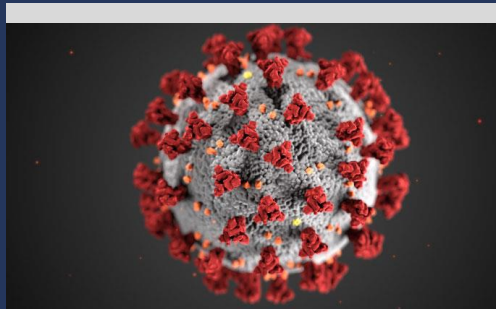
The first meeting will be held Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2020, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. The purpose is to present an overview of the process that will be taken to create

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](#).

[Details About the Master Planning Project](#)

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.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or

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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.

Residents with questions about COVID-19 may call the Loudoun

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.

County Health Department's information line, 703-737-8300, or email health@loudoun.gov.

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