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# Inside Sterling

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## COVID-19 UPDATES ~DECEMBER 10, 2020~

### Updates from the Office of Governor Ralph Northam



#### Virginia Allocates \$100 Million Rebuild VA Economic Recovery Fund

- Benefitting 2,500 Small Businesses and Nonprofits Impacted by COVID-19 Pandemic

[Read the Full Press Release](#)

#### Governor Northam Announces New Mitigation Measures to Slow COVID-19 Spread

[Read the Full Press Release](#)

**REMINDER: Loudoun County Will Hosts Free COVID-19 Testing on Dec. 13**

Loudoun County has scheduled another free drive-thru COVID-19 testing event:

**Sunday, December 13, 2020, from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.** at Potomac Falls High School, 46400 Algonkian Parkway, Potomac Falls.

The testing event is open to all. There are no age or residency requirements. No prescriptions or appointments are necessary. A person does not have to exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 in order to be tested. A PCR test (nasal swab) will be administered, which tests for the novel coronavirus. No antibody or rapid tests will be offered.

[Pre-Register Today](#)

**COVID-19 TESTING**

<b>Tuesday, December 8</b> 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	<b>Sunday, December 13</b> 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
<b>Philip A. Bolen Park</b> 42405 Claudia Drive Leesburg 20175	<b>Potomac Falls High School</b> 46400 Algonkian Parkway Potomac Falls 20165

Drive-thru only. Free & open to everyone.

**loudoun.gov/COVID19testing**

## Health Officials Encourage Self-Notification of Contacts following COVID-19 Diagnosis



As the number of COVID-19 cases continues to rise in Loudoun County and across the country, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) have provided updated guidance to local health departments regarding COVID-19 case investigations and contract tracing

prioritization strategies.

VDH has announced guidelines for prioritizing contract tracing in communities that are experiencing substantially high levels of COVID-19 community transmission. As a result, some local health departments may not be contacting

everyone infected with COVID-19 or close contacts to someone infected with COVID-19.

If you test positive for COVID-19 or are diagnosed with COVID-19, you need to help identify and notify the people that you had close contact with while you were contagious. This will allow the people with whom you've been in contact to quarantine right away so that they do not spread the virus if they become ill. You are considered contagious starting two days before you became sick (or two days before a test if you never had symptoms) until you complete isolation.

[Learn More](#)

## REMINDER: Catch A Meal, Kids Toys, and More This Weekend

Former NFL Seattle Seahawks legend player Darrell Jackson founder of The Sterling Youth Foundation is hosting another Catch a Meal Event at Bill Allen Field **this Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am-12:00 pm** while supplies last. The Catch a Meal Program was created to support those in need with the support of athletes like Mr. Jackson who wants everyone to feel supported during this difficult time and no ID will be required.

The fresh produce boxes will include over 25lbs of an array of fresh fruits, vegetables, meats, and dairy. In addition, we will be providing household supplies, kids toys, and school supplies.

The event will take place in the heart of Sterling, VA at the home of The Lower Loudoun Boy's Football League: [22281 S. Sterling Blvd.](#)

In accordance with local CDC guidelines, all items will be available to people in vehicles via a drive-through system that allows for social distancing. People will need to remain in their vehicles as volunteers load the boxes into vehicles.



For Media and Partnering with The Catch A Meal Program contact April Taylor at [thesvefirm@gmail.com](mailto:thesvefirm@gmail.com).

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## **Driver Privilege Cards Available January 1, 2021**



Beginning January 1, 2021, undocumented immigrants will be able to apply for driver privilege cards from the Department of Motor Vehicles.

### **Purpose of Driver Privilege Cards**

One objective of the new legislation is to allow more drivers to legally purchase auto insurance and minimize the number of uninsured motorists in the state.

The new law also makes it easier for undocumented immigrants to take a state-approved driver's exam to improve driving and safety knowledge and skills.

Driver privilege cards will confer the same privileges and be subject to the same provisions as driver's licenses and permits; however, driver privilege cards will not:

- Confer voting privileges
- Permit an individual to waive any part of the driver examination
- Have their issuance be contingent upon the applicant's ability to produce proof of legal presence in the United States

### **Requirements**

Applicants for driver privilege cards must meet the following requirements:

- Reported income from Virginia sources or been claimed as a dependent on an individual tax return filed with the Commonwealth in the preceding 12 months
- Not in violation of the insurance requirements for the registration of an uninsured motor vehicle

Applicants must also take and pass the driver's exam before they can be issued a driver privilege card, which will not be considered valid under the Federal Real ID law. However, a driver privilege card will be considered a valid form of identification in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

## Loudoun County Defrays Outdoor Seating Costs for Dozens of Businesses

As part of ongoing efforts to help local businesses, the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors supported 53 businesses with funds for qualifying purchases made to upgrade outdoor seating during the COVID-19 pandemic.



Eligible businesses included restaurants, wineries, breweries, distilleries and tasting rooms, all of which were negatively impacted by the regulations on indoor dining to help curb the spread of the virus. Businesses that had made outdoor seating modifications, including tents and heaters, were eligible for up to \$5,000 for equipment and \$1,000 in fuel.

The Board of Supervisors allocated approximately \$250,000 of remaining CARES Act funding for the program. It was the sixth business relief grant offered by the county since the health outbreak began in March and increased the county's grant investment to nearly \$11.8 million.

[Read the Full Article](#)

## COVID-19 Vaccine Community Conversations Continue





Learn more about how Virginia is preparing for the COVID-19 vaccine.

Join the Virginia Department of Health's Office of Health Equity for this week's remaining COVID-19 Vaccine Community Conversations:

**LGBTQIA+ Community Conversation**

- Thursday, December 10, 2020, 6:00PM

**African American Community Conversation**

- Tuesday, December 15, 2020, 6:00PM

**People with Disabilities Community Conversation**

- Wednesday, December 16, 2020, 6:00PM

**Rural Community Conversation**

- Thursday, December 17, 2020, 6:00PM

[Learn More and Register Here](#)

## **DEADLINE: Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2**

Are you a farmer or rancher whose operation has been directly impacted by the coronavirus pandemic?

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is implementing Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2 for agricultural producers who continue to face market disruptions and associated costs because of COVID-19.

**USDA's Farm Service Agency will accept CFAP 2 applications from September 21 through TOMORROW December 11, 2020.**



FARM SERVICE AGENCY

### CORONAVIRUS FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 2 Guide for New Customers



This guide is intended to assist producers who have never participated in Farm Service Agency (FSA) programs before.

Apply directly at [farmers.gov/cfap](https://farmers.gov/cfap) or by contacting Loudoun's local USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Office in Fauquier via phone at 540-347-4402 or email at [Jack\\_Johnston@usda.gov](mailto:Jack_Johnston@usda.gov).

## Help Fight the Spotted Lanternfly: Check Your Holiday Decorating Material for Egg Masses



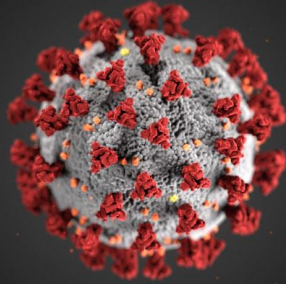
If you purchase live material for your holiday decorating that was not grown in Loudoun County such as trees, wreaths and garlands, officials ask that you examine the material to look for egg masses of the spotted lanternfly; an invasive insect that can affect agricultural and ornamental plants.

Adult spotted lanternflies die at the onset of winter; however, their egg masses can survive below-zero temperatures. Egg masses can accumulate on tree trunks, branches, and other surfaces from the fall to early spring when they hatch.

Loudoun County is offering free virtual training and information sessions to help increase awareness of the threat of the spotted lanternfly and equip homeowners associations, farmers and other individuals and organizations in the county with the information they need to help prevent the spread of the invasive insect.

[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.
- 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.

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## VIRGINIA

Loudoun County encourages residents to stay informed about COVID-19

- To receive email updates on COVID-19, visit [loudoun.gov/coronavirus](https://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 County Health Department's information line, 703-737-8300, or email [health@loudoun.gov](mailto:health@loudoun.gov).



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