



Loudoun Takes Steps to Limit Impact of COVID-19; Changes, Cancels Some Programs

With three “presumptive positive” cases of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) confirmed in Loudoun, the Loudoun County government is taking steps to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 in the county, especially on the high-risk population of those who are 60 years of age or older.

Loudoun County is implementing the following measures no later than Monday, March 16, 2020:

- **Senior Centers:** Canceling all activities and programs at Loudoun County senior centers, except for the congregate meals program, the most critical need for our older adult community. The Senior Centers will be open only from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to accommodate the meals program. The county will be using social distancing measures for high risk populations as well as standard infection prevention steps, such as disinfecting high-touch surfaces. The county will provide meal delivery for older adults who wish to obtain meals, but are not comfortable coming to the centers.
- **Adult Day Centers:** No change to programs or services at this time. Adult Day Centers serve a vulnerable population. These centers have regular measures in place to assess visitors before they enter a facility. Visitors who exhibit symptoms of illness are not admitted.
- **Recreation Centers and Community Centers:** Programs held at these facilities will be limited to only those that enable social distancing measures to be implemented. Any programs specifically for older adults

are canceled. Also the frequency of scheduled cleaning and disinfection at these facilities has been increased.

- **Libraries:** All library programs at all Loudoun County Public Library branches are suspended from Monday, March 16, through Sunday, March 29, 2020. Libraries will remain open during their normal business hours.
- **Preschool and Daycare:** The county's preschool and daycare programs that are operated by the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services will be closed while Loudoun County Public Schools are closed.
- **County After School Activities (CASA):** With the closure of Loudoun County Public Schools, all after-school programs, including CASA programs, are canceled while the Loudoun County Public Schools are closed.
- **Paratransit Bus Service:** Guidance on social distancing measures similar to those provided to first responders will be provided to staff and contractors who operate this transportation service.
- **Human Services Agencies:** Guidance on social distancing measures similar to those provided to first responders will be provided to staff and contractors who provide both mental health and social services to clients in the field.
- **Special Events:** Event organizers should follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Virginia Department of Health guidance. Additional information will be provided to organizers of private events through the Loudoun County Special Events Coordinator.

"These steps, which as of today generally exceed the recommendations of federal and state health officials, are directed towards protecting vulnerable populations in Loudoun County, primarily older adults," said Loudoun County Administrator Tim Hemstreet.

In addition, in keeping with the Board of Supervisors' policy, regularly scheduled meetings of the Board's [advisory boards, commissions and committees](#) are canceled while Loudoun County Public Schools are closed. The county will provide updated information on meeting status as this rapidly evolving situation continues. For the most current schedule, please visit loudoun.gov/calendar.

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

- 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.

Loudoun County encourages residents to stay informed about COVID-19.

- Visit loudoun.gov/coronavirus to sign up for email and text updates on COVID-19.
- Text LCCOVID19 to 888777 to receive text alerts from Loudoun County about COVID-19.

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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