



Dear Sterling,

Below is information on the statewide school closures and new business restrictions announced by Virginia Governor Ralph Northam this afternoon.

In this newsflash, you will also find a statement from Loudoun County Public Schools regarding the announced closure and plans for distance learning. **A video announcement from LCPS will be made this evening at 8:30 pm** to discuss these developments. Links to the video message will be provided on [LCPS.org](https://www.lcps.org) and through the LCPS social media channels.

Governor Northam Announces School Closures and New Business Restrictions



RICHMOND

Governor Ralph Northam today announced that public schools will remain closed for the rest of the current school year and certain types of businesses, like bowling alleys, gyms and theaters, must close in response to the coronavirus outbreak.

Watch the live video release [here](#).

[Virginia K-12 Schools](#)

Governor Ralph Northam announced today that the Commonwealth's schools are to remain closed through the remainder of the academic year.

Governor Northam's announcement comes as the number of people testing positive for the virus across the Commonwealth continues to rise and is now at 254.

The governor had previously ordered a two-week school closure, which would have ended this week. Details on how at-home academic instruction will be conducted over the next few months and how high school seniors will achieve graduation have yet to be announced.

Businesses

Governor Northam also ordered recreation and entertainment venues such as theaters, gyms, spas etc. to close for at least the next 30 days, beginning at midnight tomorrow, Tuesday, March 24th.

Dine-in services at all restaurants will be prohibited, but take-out and curbside service are allowed to continue. These rules will also apply to breweries and wineries.

Non-essential brick and mortar businesses also will be allowed to remain open, but are limited to 10 patrons at a time with requirements to maintain social distancing.

Essential businesses such as banks, pharmacies, and grocery stores are to remain open with social distancing requirements in force.

Gatherings of 10 or more people continue to be prohibited.

Support for Impacted Businesses

Following a request submitted by Governor Northam on March 18, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) approved an Economic Injury Disaster Loan declaration for Virginia. Small businesses and nonprofit organizations throughout the Commonwealth affected by the COVID-19 public health crisis can now apply for low-interest federal disaster loans of up to \$2 million from the SBA to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable, and other expenses.

To submit a loan application through the SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan program, please visit disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/.

The Governor has requested that the Department of Taxation to extend the due date of payment of Virginia individual and corporate income taxes. While filing deadlines remain the same, **the due date for individual and corporate income tax will now be June 1, 2020**. Please note that interest will still accrue, so taxpayers who are able to pay by the original deadlines should do so.

LCPS Statement on School Closures

Good afternoon, LCPS families and staff.

Governor Ralph Northam announced this afternoon that all Virginia schools will remain closed through the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. He made the announcement during a press conference in Richmond shortly after 2 p.m.

LCPS has begun considering the implications of this news for our community and will provide more information as it becomes available. In the meantime, we are moving ahead with our plans to begin distance learning (digital and non-digital) on Monday, March 30, as previously announced.

Later today, through a video announcement that will be available at 8:30 p.m., I will provide some additional comments about today's news and the community care approach adopted by the Loudoun County Public Schools. Links to the video message will be provided on LCPS.org and through social media channels.

Thank you for your continued flexibility as this situation continues to evolve.



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