



**COVID-19 UPDATES**  
**~JUNE 10, 2020~**

**Governor Northam Shares Guidance for Phased Reopening of PreK-12 Schools**



Yesterday, Governor Ralph Northam announced a phased approach that allows Virginia schools to slowly resume in-person classes for summer school and the coming academic year.

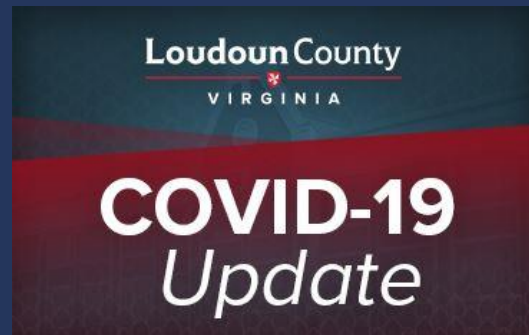
All PreK-12 schools in Virginia will be required to deliver new instruction to students for the 2020-2021 academic year, regardless of the operational status of school buildings.

[Read the Full Press Release](#)

**Loudoun, Northern Virginia, to Enter Phase Two of 'Reopening' Plan June 12**

Virginia Governor Ralph Northam announced Tuesday that Northern Virginia, including Loudoun County, will enter Phase Two of the "Forward Virginia" reopening plan Friday, June 12, 2020.

Phase Two is the next step in gradually easing public health restrictions that are designed to slow the spread of COVID-19. Phase Two increases the number of people allowed to gather in groups from 10 to 50 people; allows restaurants, breweries, wineries, etc., to offer indoor service not exceeding 50% capacity; and a host of other changes. [Phase Two Guidelines and Best Practices](#) are available for reference.



[Find Out More](#)

## What the Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act Means for Your Business



Any business that received or is pursuing funding from the federal Paycheck Protection Program in response to COVID-19 got further clarification last week after Congress passed and President Donald Trump signed the Paycheck Protection

Program Flexibility Act.

While the program distributed approximately \$500 billion in loans to businesses in need, many of the rules surrounding the forgivable loans were too restrictive to save businesses without income. The new Act offers changes and more flexibility to businesses in the program.

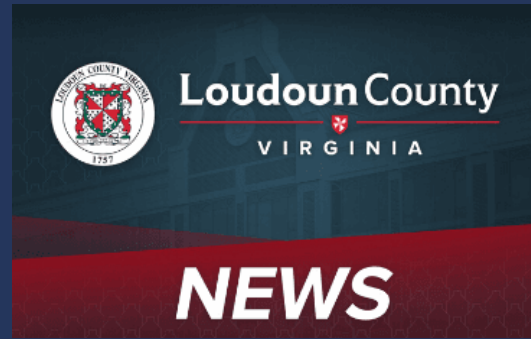
Recent reports indicate that \$130 billion may still be available as part of the Paycheck Protection Program, for any businesses that have yet to apply. This week, the Small Business Administration and the U.S. Treasury Department clarified that the deadline for all PPP applications is June 30, 2020.

[Find Out More](#)

## Loudoun Nonprofits & Faith-Based Organizations Encouraged to Apply for CARES Act Funding

Loudoun County is allocating \$2 million for eligible nonprofit and faith-based organizations affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The allocation is part of the federal funding made available to the county through the Commonwealth of Virginia from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.



Based on a set list of criteria, the county will accept funding requests in three program categories:

- **Emergency Food Assistance Program**
- **COVID-19 Service Expansion Program**
- **Non-profit Service Interruption Fund**

Applications for funding requests will be available online Monday, June 15th at [loudoun.gov/GrantOpportunities](https://loudoun.gov/GrantOpportunities). The deadline to apply is 5:00 p.m., Friday, June 19, 2020.

[Learn More](#)

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## State Corporation Commission Seeks Public Comment on Greenway Rate Hike Request



Toll Road Investors Partnership II, the company which owns the Dulles Greenway, seeks a 6 to 6.8% toll rate increase each year over the next five years. In April, Loudoun County [announced its strong opposition to the proposed rate hike](#).

Loudoun County residents and businesses who wish to offer comment on the proposed rate hike may do so by telephone during a State Corporation Commission (SCC) public hearing scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 30, 2020.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the SCC is conducting the public hearing remotely. Anyone who would like to provide up to five minutes of comment by telephone may sign up by:

- [Filling out a form](#) on the commission's website,
- Sending an [email to the SCC](#), or
- Calling [804-371-9141](tel:804-371-9141) during normal business hours.

***The deadline to provide the contact information to the SCC is 5:00 p.m., Friday, June 26, 2020.***

[Find Out More about the Proposed Rate Hike](#)

## ADAMS Center Grocery Assistance Event

The All Dulles Area Muslim Society (ADAMS) will host a grocery assistance event for those in need in our community this Friday, June 12th from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the ADAMS Center, located at 46903 Sugarland Rd, Sterling, VA 20164.

This event is free and open to the public. Attendees are asked to please follow and remain within the designated flow of traffic when entering the parking lot.

For questions or more information, contact ADAMS at [703-474-7130](tel:703-474-7130), [571-598-9386](tel:571-598-9386), or [571-437-9890](tel:571-437-9890).



## Loudoun County Officials Issue Water Safety Reminders



The COVID-19 pandemic has delayed the opening of public pools and as a result, many residents may seek relief from the summer weather and recreation in naturally occurring waters, such as the Potomac River and area creeks and lakes. Loudoun County officials urge residents to use caution while swimming in naturally occurring

waterways, human-made bodies of water and private pools as they can pose a variety of health and safety risks, especially to children.

In addition, parents and anyone [swimming in natural waters](#) should be aware of [recreational water illnesses](#), which are caused by germs and chemicals found in the water. Natural waters can be susceptible to pollution that can cause health risks to people. Bacteria and algae can be dangerous and cause illness in people and pets.

[Learn More](#)

## #LoudounIsReady Pledge

Nearly 500 Loudoun businesses have signed the #LoudounIsReady pledge to prepare for safe reopenings.

“Loudoun Is Ready” unites business owners and boosts consumer confidence as we all look to return to the restaurants, shops, wineries, breweries and other businesses that call Loudoun home. Companies are encouraged to take a pledge that they will meet the latest safety guidelines outlined by the Virginia Department of Health and Centers for Disease Prevention and Control.



Pledged businesses receive digital marketing toolkits, no-cost marketing exposure and resources including "Loudoun Is Ready" window stickers, campaign buttons and social distancing floor markers.

[Make the Pledge](#)

## Update: COVID-19 and Virginia State Parks



Virginia State Parks is gradually reopening park facilities as the commonwealth eases public health restrictions put in place to contain the spread of COVID-19.

Statewide and park-specific operational plans have been developed to comply with group size limitations and social distancing requirements. [Protocols](#) are in

place for the safety of guests and staff.

Anyone planning to visit a park for the remainder of spring and through summer should anticipate changes to normal park operations.

State parks in Northern Virginia could be impacted differently because of delayed reopening rules.

[More on parks, beaches, reservations, visitor guidelines, and what's open and closed](#)

## CARE Program Expands to Offer Grants to Pet Owners Affected by COVID-19

The Department of Animal Services is expanding its [Companion Animal Resource Effort \(CARE\)](#) program to help families affected by COVID-19. The CARE Program provides temporary assistance to residents of Loudoun County who are temporarily unable to



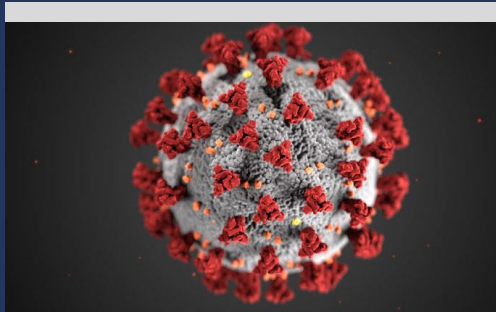
provide veterinary care for their beloved companion animals.

Anyone who lives in Loudoun who is struggling to provide necessary care for a pet may [apply online for a grant from the CARE program](#).

Grants up to \$150 are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Funds may be approved for medical needs, prescriptions, prescription food and certain other pet wellness supplies.

## Stay Informed!

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](http://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.

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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](http://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

- 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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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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