



**COVID-19 UPDATES**  
~JUNE 17, 2020~

**Governor Northam and VMFA Announce  
Virginia Visual Artist Relief Program**



Yesterday, Virginia Governor Ralph Northam, First Lady Pamela Northam, and Virginia Museum of Fine Arts (VMFA) Director and CEO Alex Nyerges announced a special program to assist visual artists impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic: the Virginia Artist Relief Fellowship Program.

Grant applications are now being accepted.

[Read the Full Press Release](#)

**Loudoun County Government to Observe  
Juneteenth Holiday June 19**

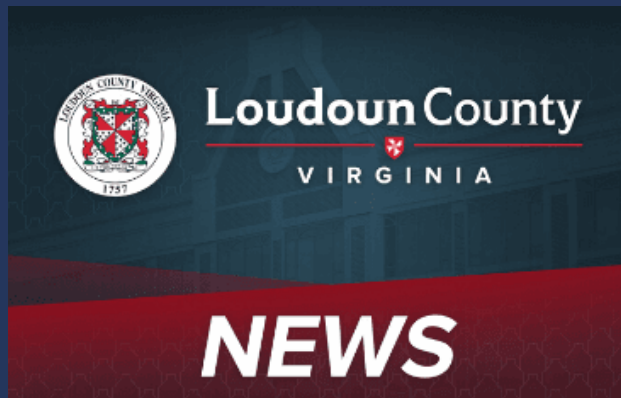
Loudoun County government administrative offices will be closed Friday, June 19, 2020, in observance of Juneteenth; however, the Loudoun County Courthouse will be open.

The addition to the holiday schedule is in accordance with the county's practice of following the Commonwealth of Virginia's holiday schedule.

On Tuesday, Virginia Governor Ralph Northam [declared June 19 as a holiday](#), prompting the change in Loudoun County's holiday schedule.

Employees who staff essential 24-hour county operations and other essential services will work as scheduled.

The Loudoun County government holiday schedule for 2020 is online at [loudoun.gov/holidayschedule](https://loudoun.gov/holidayschedule).



## Considering U.S. Travel?



COVID-19 cases and deaths have been reported in all 50 states, and the situation is constantly changing. Because travel increases your chances of getting infected and spreading COVID-19, staying home is the best way to protect yourself and others from getting sick.

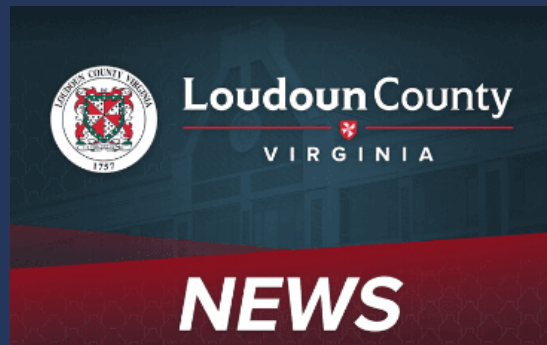
We don't know if one type of travel is safer than others; however, airports, bus stations, train stations, and rest stops are all places travelers can be exposed to the virus in the air and on surfaces. These are also places where it can be hard to social distance (keep 6 feet apart from other people).

If you are thinking about traveling away from your local community, review the travel guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

[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.



The county will accept funding requests for three programs:

- Emergency Food Assistance Program
- COVID-19 Service Expansion Program
- Nonprofit Service Interruption Program

Applications are available online at [loudoun.gov/GrantOpportunities](https://loudoun.gov/GrantOpportunities). The deadline to apply is 5:00 pm, Friday, June 19, 2020.

[More Details](#)

## Virginia Department of Health COVID-19 Dashboard to Include More Detailed Race and Ethnicity Data



The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) will change how race and ethnicity data are presented. This update will provide a more detailed look at the effects of COVID-19 on

minority populations across Virginia. VDH will combine race and ethnicity information into one category and will expand the number of racial identities from three to seven.

Previously, race data was reported as one of three categories: White, Black or African American, and Other. Ethnicity data identified individuals as either Hispanic or Latino or Not Hispanic or Latino.

"We see, for instance, that COVID-19 is disproportionately affecting Virginia's Latinx population. Although Latinx people make up 10 percent of the state's population, they account for 45 percent of the COVID-19 cases, 35 percent of the hospitalizations and 11 percent of the deaths," said Virginia State Health Commissioner M. Normal Oliver, M.D., M.A.

[Learn More](#)

## PRCS Summer Registration is Underway

Registration is underway for summer classes and activities offered by the Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS). Summer programs begin Monday, June 22, 2020, at most PRCS centers and parks in accordance with Phase Two reopening guidelines. Guidelines include occupancy limits for recreational amenities, including pools and fitness/workout areas. Program areas, content and enrollment will be modified to accommodate social distancing requirements, including 10-feet for active recreational pursuits.



Summer camp enrollment, which began in March, is ongoing and licensed child care services opened June 15 at select locations. More details and registration for camps, new summer programs, lap-lane swimming and use of fitness amenities can be found at [loudoun.gov/webtrac](http://loudoun.gov/webtrac). For registration assistance, contact the PRCS center or park offering your preferred activities or email [prcs@loudoun.gov](mailto:prcs@loudoun.gov).

Information regarding Phase Two guidelines can be found at [loudoun.gov/prcsoperatingstatus](http://loudoun.gov/prcsoperatingstatus).

## Red Cross Announces Testing of all Blood Donations for COVID-19 Antibodies



As of Monday, the Red Cross began testing all blood, platelet and plasma donations for COVID-19 antibodies.

There is an urgent need for blood donations right now, to meet the needs of patients in hospitals as surgical procedures and treatments that were temporarily paused earlier this spring in response to COVID-19 resume.

With the start of antibody testing, the Red Cross anticipates increased interest in blood donation appointments in the coming days. If there is not an appointment immediately available in a given area, donations in the days and weeks ahead are still critically important to ensure we can build a stable blood supply throughout the difficult summer months.

[Learn More about Testing and How to Donate](#)

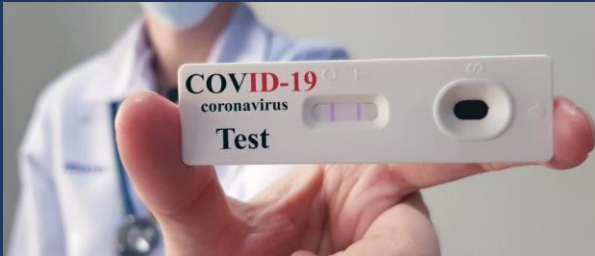
## Group Outdoor Exercise: Get Out & Get Fit!

The Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services invites you to "get out and get fit!" Outdoor fitness training and group exercise classes are now available at Dulles South and Claude Moore Recreation and Community Centers. Class descriptions and registration can be found at [loudoun.gov/webtrac](http://loudoun.gov/webtrac).



Claude Moore Recreation and Community Center is located at 46105 Loudoun Park Lane in Sterling. [View the CMRCC outdoor fitness schedule online](#) or call [571-258-3600](tel:571-258-3600) for more information.

## COVID-19 Testing Through HealthWorks



HealthWorks for Northern Virginia has converted a portion of INMED's Family & Youth Opportunity Center in Sterling into a testing site for COVID-19.

HealthWorks provides high-quality and affordable medical, dental and behavioral health care for patients of all backgrounds, ages and income level. It was recently awarded a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to expand testing, particularly for low-income individuals.

Testing at the Opportunity Center is by appointment only for both symptomatic and asymptomatic individuals and is performed in a sealed-off area with a separate entrance.

For more information on testing days and times, please contact the HealthWorks office at [703-443-2000](tel:703-443-2000).

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## Sharpen Your Networking & Interviewing Skills Virtual AARP Workshop

Are you 50 or older, unemployed and looking for work? Virginia Career Works and AARP are here to help!

Refresh your image and put your best self forward! Join Virginia Career Works, in partnership with AARP, for a free webinar that will help you prepare for what's next in your career or job search. Discover how to effectively network Create a winning "elevator pitch" Learn tips to help you ace a virtual interview.

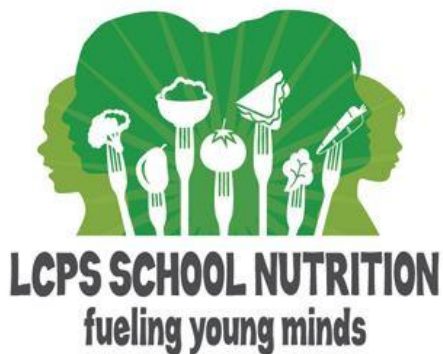


The webinar is scheduled for Thursday, July 23th and registration is required.

[Register Today](#)

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## LCPS Summer Food Service Program



Since LCPS closed schools on March 12 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and June 10, School Nutrition Services, with the help of Transportation Services, has served 895,093 free meals to students throughout the County.

In participation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Summer Food Service Program,

LCPS is planning to continue to support families during the current COVID-19 pandemic by providing breakfast and lunch to all children 18 years of age and under through the month of August.

Meal service will be provided at 28 current walk-up sites and bus stops. Pick-up meal service is available between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm weekdays at the following locations in our area (On Thursday, July 2, LCPS will give out meals for both Thursday, July 2, and Friday, July 3):

- Dominion High School
- Guilford Elementary
- Park View High School
- Potomac Falls High School
- Rolling Ridge Elementary
- Sterling Elementary
- Sterling Middle School
- Sugarland Elementary
- Sully Elementary

## LCPL Virtual Summer Reading Program



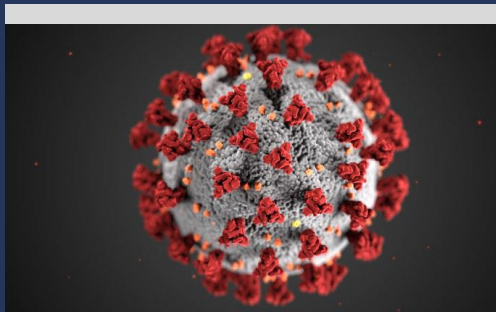
Online registration for the Summer Reading Program that opened on Thursday, June 11, by clicking the "Sign Up" button in the box on the left. Once your login is created, you'll receive a digital challenge card to track your progress throughout the summer. You can add other members of your household to your account, each with their own unique challenge cards.

Complete the 16 challenges listed on your card, or substitute a challenge by reading for 30 minutes or by attending an online program. Submit your completed challenge card online by Sunday, Aug. 23, to be entered into the grand-prize drawing for an eGift-card. You'll also receive a certificate of completion, redeemable for a free book – and a voucher for a ticket to a future [Washington Nationals](#) game!

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## 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.

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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).



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.

- 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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