



COVID-19 UPDATES
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Governor Northam Launches Rent and Mortgage Relief Program to Assist Virginians Facing Eviction or Foreclosure



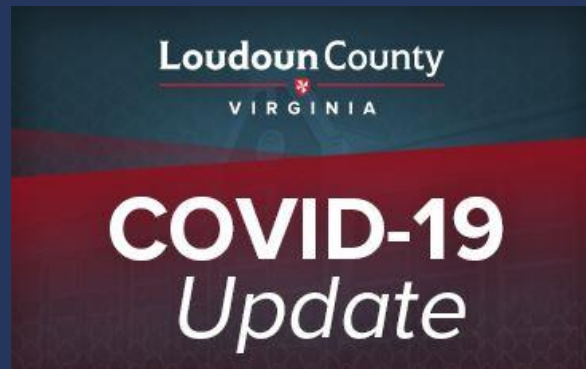
Governor Ralph Northam today launched the Virginia Rent and Mortgage Relief Program (RMRP), which will provide \$50 million in federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding for households facing eviction or foreclosure due to COVID-19. RMRP will provide short-term financial assistance on behalf of households in the form of rent and mortgage payments.

[Read the Full Press Release](#)

Loudoun, Northern Virginia, to Enter Phase Three of 'Reopening' Plan July 1

Virginia Governor Ralph Northam announced last week that Virginia—including Loudoun County and the rest of Northern Virginia—will move into the third phase of the state's gradual reopening on Wednesday, July 1, 2020.

The Loudoun County government continues to practice social distancing and other measures that help limit the spread of germs. Member of the public are encouraged to visit the county's website to conduct business online and to view any impacts to in-person services prior to visiting a county facility.



[Learn More About Phase 3](#)

Increase in COVID-19 Cases Among Teens, Young Adults; Prompts Reminder to Follow Prevention Steps



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**Teens and
Young adult
COVID-19 cases
increase.**
**Take
Precautions**

Over the past week, Loudoun County health officials have noticed an increase in the number of positive tests for the coronavirus that causes COVID-19 among residents in the age groups of 10 to 19 years and 20 to 29 years. More than half of those who tested positive in Loudoun were people 29 years old or younger.

The risk of exposure to the virus increases in large gatherings. Without proper precautions, events such as senior week festivities, beach trips, house parties and upcoming Fourth of July celebrations pose a danger, not only to the young people

in attendance, but also to the people in the community they might unknowingly infect with the virus, including vulnerable older adults.

Health officials urge anyone who has been in a large gathering and develops symptoms of COVID-19 to see a doctor and to notify others who were with them so they can take precautions as well.

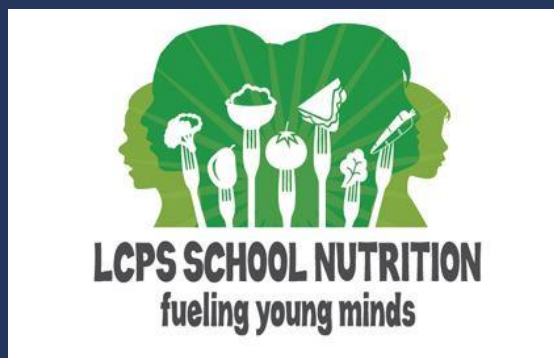
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LCPS Summer Food Service Program: July 4th Holiday Update

On Thursday, July 2, LCPS will give out meals for both Thursday, July 2, and Friday, July 3.

Pick-up meal service is available between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm weekdays at the following locations in our area:

- 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



Thinking of Going to the Beach? Loudoun Officials Urge Caution



There have been a number of COVID-19 "hot spots" emerging at beach popular beach destinations in our region. Parents of teens participating in senior beach week or other group gatherings should be particular aware of the necessary precautions.

If you're planning a beach trip, there are steps you should take to keep your family safe and to prevent the spread of the virus from region to region:

- Stay home if you have COVID-19 symptoms, have been diagnosed with the virus or are waiting to get results. And you should stay home and monitor your health if you've been exposed to someone with the virus within the last 14 days.
- Know the rules: call ahead or visit the local government website for the area you plan to visit. Current rules differ in various states, and can vary even from county to county and beach to beach. States or localities may require face coverings, limit the number of people who can gather on the beach, restrict beach access during certain hours, or limit access to parking and amenities.
- At the beach, stay with your family group, and keep 6 feet away from others on the beach or in the water.

[Read more of the county's cautions for beach trips](#)

Things to Know About Fireworks

Fireworks are often used to celebrate special events and holidays. However, that does not mean they are safe to use. Every year fireworks cause thousands of burns and eye injuries.

While the safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a public display conducted by trained professionals, there are no public



fireworks displays scheduled at this time due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Here are some tips for doing your own fireworks.

Doing Your Own Fireworks

If you choose to purchase your own fireworks, the Fire Marshal provides important information about fireworks, including annual lists of [approved fireworks](#). If you choose to use fireworks, proceed with caution and follow these safety tips!

- You should only purchase legal consumer fireworks from a local business or roadside stand possessing a fireworks retail permit from the Loudoun County Fire Marshal's Office.
- Consumer fireworks that rise into the air, explode, travel laterally on the ground or emit projectiles are illegal to possess or use anywhere in Virginia. Possession and/or use of these materials is a Class 1 Misdemeanor.
- For backyard displays using legal consumer fireworks, wet down the area before use to prevent accidental fires. Ground based fireworks should be placed on open, stable, flat surfaces, keeping onlookers 20 feet from the display.
- Adult supervision is critical! Only competent adults should ignite and supervise the use of fireworks.
- Used fireworks should be placed in a metal container, soaked with water, and allowed to cool overnight in a location that is at least 15 feet away from any building or structure.
- Never pick up fireworks that were "duds" or did not fire, as they may still be active! Wait 20 minutes and treat as spent fireworks, soaking overnight and placing in a metal container with a lid, away from any structure.

Loudoun County Metro Connection Bus Routes to Resume July 6



Loudoun County Transit will resume service for Metro Connection Bus Routes 990 and 992 on Monday, July 6, 2020. This comes as Loudoun County moves into Phase Three of the "Forward Virginia" reopening plan, which gradually eases restrictions meant to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Customers are advised of the following schedule changes:

- Route 990 – Morning service from Wiehle-Reston East Metro Station to Loudoun County has been reduced from seven to four trips.
- Route 992 – Afternoon service from Loudoun County to Wiehle-Reston East Metro Station has been reduced from seven to four trips.

Loudoun County Transit bus customers should be prepared to:

- Wear a face covering on the bus and while waiting at bus stops.
- When seated or standing, remain six feet from other passengers who are not in your household.
- Ride for free until August 31, 2020, on all Loudoun Transit buses.

Over the coming weeks, Loudoun County Transit will continue to monitor ridership and services for possible additional changes.

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IRS Announces Rollover Relief for Retirement Accounts

The Internal Revenue Service today announced that anyone who already took a required minimum distribution (RMD) in 2020 from certain retirement accounts now has the opportunity to roll those funds back into a retirement account following the CARES Act RMD waiver for 2020.



The 60-day rollover period for any RMDs already taken this year has been extended to August 31, 2020, to give taxpayers time to take advantage of this opportunity.

[More Details](#)

Virginia Department of Social Services Energy Assistance Program



If Virginians need help paying their energy bills, the Virginia Department of Social Services' (VDSS) energy assistance program is available with cooling assistance for senior citizens, those with children less than six years old, and those with disabilities.

The application is available through August 17.

In addition, VDSS is preparing a one-time COVID response energy system program in mid-July again using CARES Act funding to help those not typically eligible for energy assistance. The focus of that program will be to help pay-off energy debt that has accumulated during the pandemic to assist before the moratorium of service cut off ends on August 31.

VDSS will also issue one time supplemental payments that have previously received fuel or crisis assistance.

VDSS will issue more information on both of these programs next month.

[Learn More and Apply](#)

Get Career Help During COVID-19 from the Loudoun Workforce Resource Center

During this time of social distancing, the [Loudoun Workforce Resource Center](#) continues to help job seekers achieve their employment goals with virtual workshops. All the workshops are free to the public.

The July schedule of workshops includes:

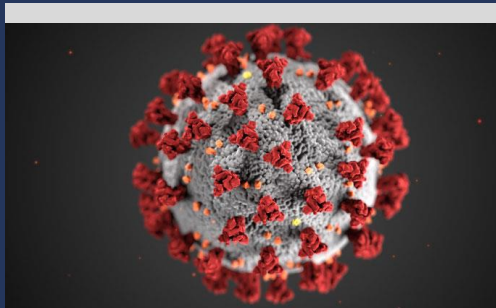
- Find a Career, Change a Career, My Next Move
- LinkedIn Profile Check Up
- SSA Ticket to Work Program
- Selling to the Commonwealth Certification
- Sharpen Your Networking Skills, Presented by AARP

[View Details and Register](#)



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.



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

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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.

- 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.

- 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.

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