



**COVID-19 UPDATES**  
**~SEPTEMBER 18, 2020~**

**Governor Northam Proclaims Hispanic and Latino Heritage Month in Virginia**



Hispanic and Latino Heritage Month-- which is celebrated each year from September 15 to October 15th-- recognizes the integral role of Hispanic and Latino men and women in our communities, business, education, our military, and in our government. With 800,000 Virginians of Hispanic and Latino descent who proudly call the Commonwealth home, our communities are richer and more vibrant thanks to their culture and traditions.

[Read the Full Press Release](#)

**CARES Act Nonprofit Funding – Round 2 Application Window is Now Open**

Round 2 of the federal funding made available to the county through the Commonwealth of Virginia from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act is now open for nonprofit and faith-based organizations.

These funds will be available to Loudoun nonprofits and faith-based organizations who meet this criteria:

- Are in good standing with the Virginia State Corporation Commission.
- Can provide proof of nonprofit status.
- Can provide copies of IRS Form 990 for the past three years.
- Can demonstrate their services have been affected by COVID-19.

***Applications are now available online at [loudoun.gov/GrantOpportunities](https://loudoun.gov/GrantOpportunities). The deadline to apply is 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 30, 2020.***

[Learn More](#)



## Voting 2020: In-Person Voting and Mail-In Ballots

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Absentee ballots that have been requested by registered voters will be mailed out by Loudoun County Elections & Voter Registration beginning today! If you have already submitted a request to receive your election ballot by mail, keep an eye on your mailbox.

In person early voting also begins today, but only at the Office of Elections, which is located at 750 Miller Drive SE in Leesburg.

***Other satellite in-person voting locations in Loudoun will open on Saturday October 17th.***

Satellite voting locations in addition to the Office of Elections include:

- Loudoun County Government Office at Ridgetop - 21641 Ridgetop Circle, Sterling, 20164
- Dulles South Senior Center - 24950 Riding Center Drive, Chantilly, 20152
- Carver Senior Center - 200 E Willie Palmer Way, Purcellville, 20132

There is still time to request your ballot by mail. Requests can be submitted [here](#) until October 23rd.

### **Stay Informed**

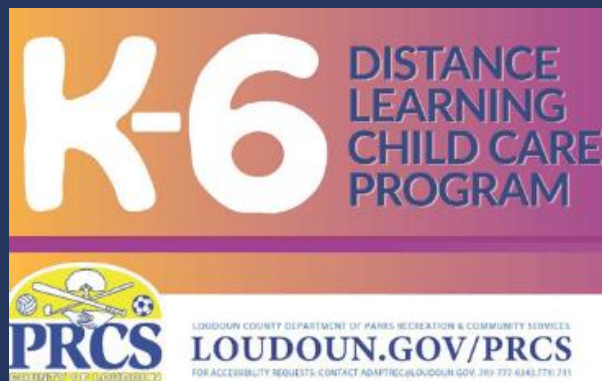
Stay informed by signing up for text updates from the Loudoun County Office of Elections and Voter Registration by texting '**LCVOTES**' to **888777**.

There is a lot of misinformation out there, so be sure to go directly to the Loudoun election site for reliable information about the 2020 Presidential Election at [loudoun.gov/novemberelection](http://loudoun.gov/novemberelection)

## **Board of Supervisors Approves Revisions to Child Care Program**

The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors has voted to revise the county's K-6 Distance Learning Child Care Program. The Board's action limits the capacity of the program and lowers the cost to participants.

During the September 15th business meeting, the Board voted to cap the number of children in the program at 600, which eliminates the need for libraries and community and recreation center locations for the program.



In addition to lowered capacity and cost, there will be increased flexibility in the program through two or three-day options in addition to the current five-day program at commensurate rates.

The Board was also able to lower the cost of the program by reducing total enrollment, temporarily diverting staff resources within the Department of PRCS, and adjusting the program's funding formula.

[Learn More and Register](#)

## LCPS Library Book Bus



Students across Loudoun County will have two new ways to access high-quality learning resources beginning Monday, September 21st.

On Mondays, buses that currently deliver meals to communities across the school

division will also deliver books to elementary students who have requested them. Students may visit their respective school websites to access an online form for making the request. [Find the bus stop closest to your home.](#)

Students can return books to a box at the back of the bus when they finish reading them. Books will be quarantined for 72 hours before they are put into circulation for other students to check out. Students will have longer checkout periods and can check out larger numbers of books than in the past.

Students at the secondary level may access an online form to request materials from their school library. Secondary students may use a "concierge" pickup service by scheduling an appointment to drive by the school. Those unable to visit the school for pickups may also utilize the "book bus" service.

Librarians and library assistants will staff the "book bus" and provide the "concierge" pickup service.

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## **SCC Utility Service Cut-off Moratorium Will End on October 5; Governor Requested Extension from September 16**

The general moratorium on utility shutoffs is extended through October 5, 2020. The State Corporation Commission (SCC) issued the order following a request from Virginia Governor Ralph S. Northam. The moratorium was originally set to end on September 16.

In granting another extension, the Commission said it will not extend the moratorium beyond October 5, 2020. The Commission urged the Governor and General Assembly to appropriate funds for direct financial assistance to those customers who are unable to pay their bills due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



The end of the Commission-directed moratorium on October 5 does not mean the end of protections for customers in arrears who are making a good-faith effort to pay their bills over a longer time period. Customers who enter such extended payment plans with their utilities will continue to be protected from service cut-offs even after the end of this moratorium.

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## **Workforce Development Month Events Continue**



LOUDOUN WORKFORCE RESOURCE CENTER

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In the spirit of Workforce Development Month, the Loudoun Workforce Resource Center continues to host a special line up of virtual events on a variety of subjects during the month of September 2020.

The remainder of the September 2020 lineup includes the following events:

- **Increasing Access to Employment & Community Support for our Military and Veteran Families:** Monday, September 21, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
- **Work Happy:** Tuesday, September 22, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- **The Priorities of Post COVID-19 Financial Recovery:** Thursday, September 24, 2:00 p.m.
- **Coffee with a Career Counselor:** Wednesday, September 30, 9:30 a.m.

[Get More Detailed Information](#)

## VDH: Flu Shots Are Recommended During the COVID-19 Pandemic

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Virginia Department of Health encourage residents to get an annual influenza (flu) vaccination to reduce the chance of getting the flu and spreading it to others.

Widespread community vaccination helps prevent the spread of flu within communities, so do your part to help your community and get vaccinated!

These simple steps can help stop the spread of germs and help protect you from getting sick:

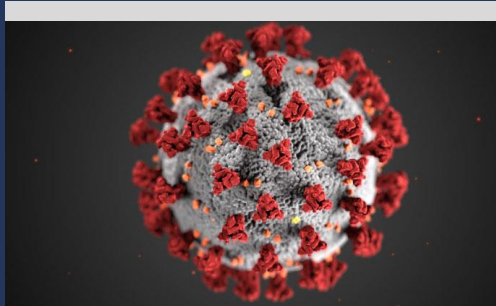


- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick, which will help prevent others from catching your illness.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing.
- Clean your hands often.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.

If you are unsure if you can be vaccinated, talk with your doctor to discuss your personal health risks and concerns. There are many vaccine options to choose from; the most important thing is to get a flu vaccine each year.

[Learn More](#)

## Stay Informed!



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

- Wear a mask/face covering ([see requirements](#))
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer only if

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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](https://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

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.

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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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