



## COVID-19 UPDATES ~OCTOBER 7, 2020~

### October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month



The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors has proclaimed October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, highlighting the increased danger that the COVID-19 pandemic presents to survivors of domestic violence.

Avoiding public spaces and working remotely can help reduce the spread of COVID-19,

but for many survivors, staying home may not be the safest option. People who are surviving violence in their relationships and families may be experiencing increased isolation and danger caused by social distancing measures during the coronavirus pandemic.

The proclamation also spotlights the work of the Loudoun County Domestic Abuse and Response Team (DART), which includes advocates, service providers, law enforcement and legal professionals, who mobilize to support survivors' needs.

In addition, Loudoun County and its DART partners encourage residents to **wear purple on Thursday, October 22, 2020, as part of what is known as**

**"Purple Thursday,"** a day set aside to honor victims and survivors of domestic violence.

For more info on the proclamation, DART, making a safety plan and Purple Thursday, [read the full press release](#).

## Census 2020: New Close Date

It's official—we now know the Census will close on **October 31st**.

You still have time to complete the Census. Limited door-to-door visits and the online survey will continue. Residents should respond if they have not done so at

**[www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov)**, where the online survey is available in 13 languages.



Over 99% of households across the country have been counted in the 2020 U.S. Census, and over 82% of Loudouners have responded. **Loudoun has the highest response rate of any locality in the Commonwealth of Virginia**, but we still have time to increase those numbers with your help!

Encourage your family members, neighbors, friends, and coworkers to complete the Census if they have not already done so. The count affects the allocation of federal funding to the county and affects how legislative districts are drawn, and your response ensures we have the resources to build stronger communities.

**Respond now online, by phone, or with a census taker in your community, and shape your future for the next 10 years. Learn more at [2020CENSUS.GOV](http://2020CENSUS.GOV).**

## Virtual Opioid Reversal Training Offered



Loudoun County's training sessions on how to recognize and respond to an opioid overdose are resuming this month on a virtual platform.

**The next REVIVE! sessions are scheduled for October 13 and 15.**

The training is free and open to everyone. Anyone who uses

opioids or knows someone who is using opioids is encouraged to attend. Those interested in attending must pre-register at the link above. The training is open only to pre-registered participants.

The free, one-hour training covers:

- Signs of opioid overdose.
- How to respond to an opioid overdose emergency with the administration of naloxone, a drug that can be used to treat narcotic overdoses in emergency situations.
- Also, anyone who completes the training will be eligible to receive free naloxone nasal spray.

[Register Today](#)

## Voting 2020: Deadlines to Note

Requested absentee ballots began going out by mail on Friday, September 18th.

Loudoun County ***DOES*** ***NOT*** mail out unsolicited absentee ballots. You must request a ballot and the fastest, most secure way to do so is online on the state's [website](#).



*\*\*Please note that you must be a registered voter in Virginia to request an absentee ballot.\*\**

### **Dates to Know for the November 3rd Election**

- **September 18-October 17:** Early voting is available depending on your location
- **October 13:** Last day to update your voter registration information
- **October 23:** Last day to request an absentee ballot by mail
- **November 3:** Election Day
  - All mail-in ballots must be postmarked by this date and received by Friday, **November 6th** at 12:00 pm

### **Stay Informed**

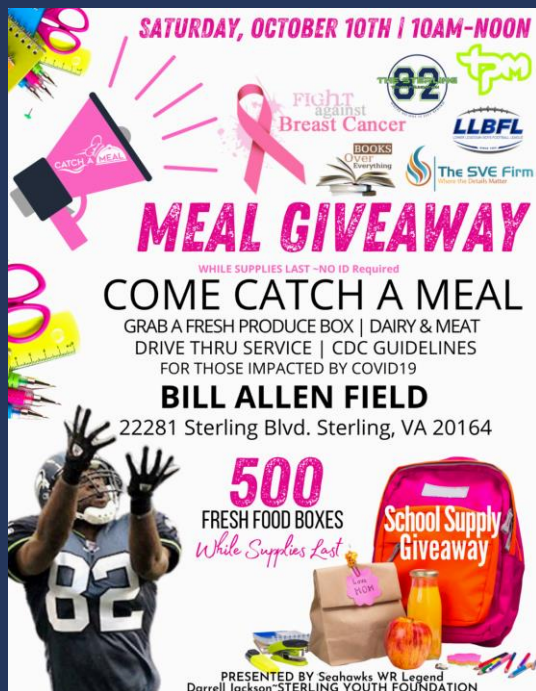
Text LCVOTES to [888777](tel:888777) to receive text alerts from the Loudoun County Office of Elections and Voter Registration or sign up for the Election Update category through [Alert Loudoun](#), the county's email and text notification system.

Follow the Office of Elections and Voter Registration on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

[More Information on Voting in the 2020 General Election](#)

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**Meal Giveaway This Saturday, October 10th**



Former NFL Seattle Seahawks player, Darrell Jackson, founder of The Sterling Youth Foundation, will host another Catch a Meal Event in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness.

The event will be at the **Bill Allen Field** **this Saturday, October 10th from 10:00am - 12:00 pm**, while supplies last. Mr. Jackson wants everyone to feel supported during this difficult time and no ID will be required.

The fresh produce boxes will include over 25lbs of an array of fresh fruits, vegetables, meats, and dairy. In addition, we will be providing families with needed school supplies as our partner Books Over Everything has

donated over 1000 school supply items.

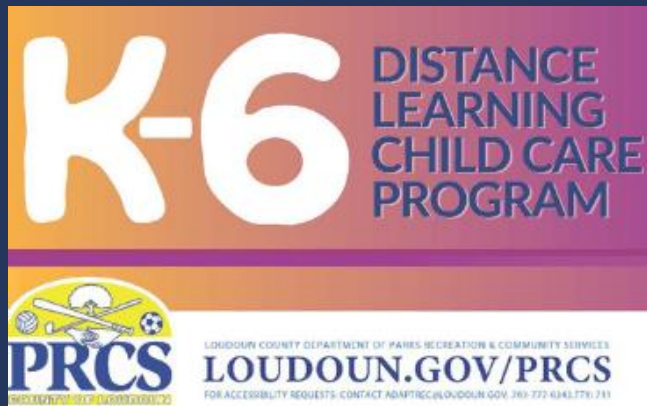
The event will take place in the heart of Sterling, VA at the home of The Lower Loudoun Boy's Football League: 22281 S. Sterling Blvd.

In accordance with local CDC guidelines, all food will be available to people in vehicles via a drive-through system that allows for social distancing. People will need to remain in their vehicles as volunteers load the boxes into vehicles.

For Media and Partnering with The Catch A Meal Program contact April Taylor at [thesvefirm@gmail.com](mailto:thesvefirm@gmail.com).

## K-6 Distance Learning Child Care Program

There are still seats available in the county's K-6 Distance Learning Child Care Program. As Loudoun County Public Schools moves toward hybrid in-person learning for students K-2 beginning October 27, the county's child care program may benefit additional parents.



To accommodate parents' varying schedules, the county offers three options. The five-, three- and two-day programs are intended to provide flexible child care options for parents who are employees of Loudoun County Government and Loudoun County Public Schools.

Child care is offered at 11 elementary school sites and 2 other sites that are operated by the county. The monthly fees are listed below. Parents who wish to enroll children in a full-day program (7:40 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.) should register for both the school day and after school sessions.

**SCHOOL DAY (7:40 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.)**

- 5 days per week: \$311/month
- 3 days per week: \$192/month
- 2 days per week: \$128/month

**AFTER SCHOOL (2:30 – 6:00 p.m.)**

- 5 days per week: \$311/month
- 3 days per week: \$192/month
- 2 days per week: \$128/month

LCPS Free and Reduced Lunch Program participants are eligible for a 50 percent discount.

The program is operated by the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services. To register for the two-day or three-day options, call [703-777-0343](tel:703-777-0343).

- Registration for the five-day-per week option must be completed online through the WebTrac system.

The county's other child care programs, including CASA and YAS, continue to operate normally. If you have any questions, please email [prcs@loudoun.gov](mailto:prcs@loudoun.gov).

Visit [www.loudoun.gov/DLchildcare](http://www.loudoun.gov/DLchildcare) for more information and to register.

## Updates from the CDC



### **What to Remember When Hosting Gatherings This Holiday Season**

The CDC website outlines tips for holiday gatherings.

If you're planning on hosting a gathering over the holidays, remind guests to stay home if

they're sick or have been exposed to COVID-19 in the last 14 days. Host the gathering outdoors, when possible, and make sure indoor spaces are well-ventilated (for example, open a window). Arrange tables and chairs to allow for social distancing among people not in the same household. Wear masks when less than 6 feet apart from people or indoors, and encourage guests to bring their own food.

[Learn more from the CDC about these tips for hosting gatherings.](#)

### **How COVID-19 Spreads**

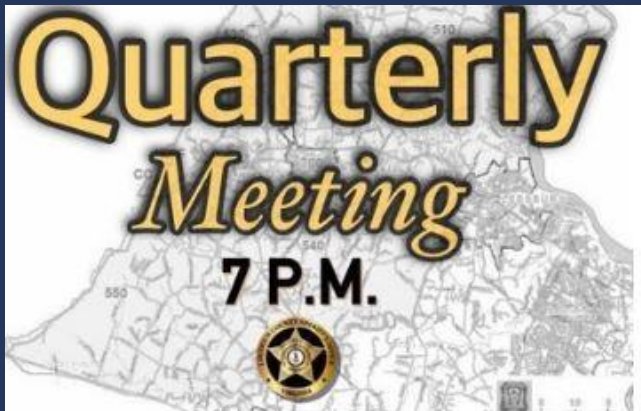
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website outlines the ways that COVID-19 may spread. COVID-19 is thought to spread mainly through close contact from person to person, including between people who are physically near each other (within about 6 feet). People who are infected but do not show symptoms can also spread the virus to others. We are still learning about how the virus spreads and the severity of illness it causes.

- COVID-19 spreads very easily from person to person.
- COVID-19 most commonly spreads during close contact.
- COVID-19 can sometimes be spread by airborne transmission.
- COVID-19 spreads less commonly through contact with contaminated surfaces.
- COVID-19 rarely spreads between people and animals.

[Learn more from the CDC about how COVID-19 spreads and how to protect yourself.](#)

## LCSO to Resume Quarterly Public Safety Meetings

The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office will return to limited in-person public safety meetings at each of the agency's four service area stations. Residents will also be able to view the meetings virtually as they are streamed live on Facebook.



**The Eastern Loudoun Station Meeting will be held on October 15, 2020 at 7 p.m. The Eastern Loudoun Station is located at 46620 E. Frederick Drive, Sterling, VA.**

Please remember that due to social distancing measures seating is limited, and residents who attend the meetings in person will be required to wear a mask inside each facility.

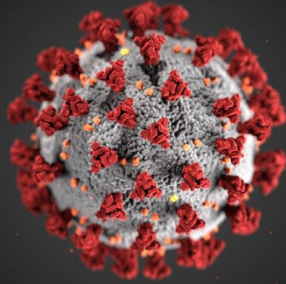
Residents can view the meetings online on our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/loudounsheriff>.

Items to be discussed are recent crime and crime trends in your area, traffic safety concerns and other public safety related issues. The meetings will be led by a Loudoun County Sheriff's Office Captain who represents our service area. Sheriff Mike Chapman or a member of his leadership team will also be in attendance.

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**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 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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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 (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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