



**NEWSFLASH**

# Inside Sterling

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Loudoun County  
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## COVID-19 UPDATES ~OCTOBER 30, 2020~

### **Governor Northam Directs \$30 Million to Support Workforce Training for Unemployed Virginians**



Governor Ralph Northam today announced that Virginia is allocating \$30 million in federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act dollars to help Virginians whose employment has been impacted by the COVID-19 crisis pursue workforce training in a high-demand field. The new Re-Employing Virginians (REV) initiative will provide scholarships to eligible individuals to enroll in a workforce or community college program in five essential industries.

[Read the Full Press Release](#)

## Loudoun Election Officials Urge Absentee Voters to Turn in Ballots Now

Loudoun County election officials ask that voters who have not yet returned their completed absentee ballots for the November 3, 2020, General Election do so as soon as possible. Officials are encouraging voters to take their absentee ballots to any one of the more than one dozen drop-off locations in the county, which will be available until 5:00 p.m., Saturday, October 31.



The locations of the drop boxes, which include the branches of the Loudoun County Public Library, are online at [loudoun.gov/voteathome](https://loudoun.gov/voteathome).

Anyone who misses the October 31 deadline may drop off their absentee ballot at the Office of Elections and Voter Registration, 750 Miller Drive SE, Suite C, Leesburg, Monday, November 2, from 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Tuesday, November 3, from 6:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. In addition, voters may drop off their absentee ballots at their polling places on Election Day from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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## Loudoun County Capital Improvement Program



Loudoun County has a Capital Improvement Program ("CIP") to pay for large infrastructure projects over six-year periods.

We have a number of projects in the CIP for Sterling:

- Fire & Rescue apparatus; and
- A student welcome center at Sterling Elementary School.

- A neighborhood park with a swimming pool for Sterling Park;
- A new community center;
- A new public safety center;
- An overpass for the W & OD Trail;
- Pedestrian crossings for Route 7;

We also have other projects, like painting the Route 7 wall near Sterling Blvd. and sidewalk improvements via the County's Sidewalks & Trails program in the pipeline.

What else would you like to see added to the County's CIP? Please share your suggestions with me at [Koran.Saines@Loudoun.gov](mailto:Koran.Saines@Loudoun.gov) by Wednesday November 4th.

## Six Things to Know about the November 3, 2020, General Election in Loudoun

Loudoun County voters will go to the polls Tuesday, November 3, 2020, for a general election. Here are six important things Loudoun County election officials would like voters to know about the election:

- 1. Know When to Vote**
- 2. Know Where to Vote**



**3. Bring Identification and Face Covering; Observe Social Distancing**

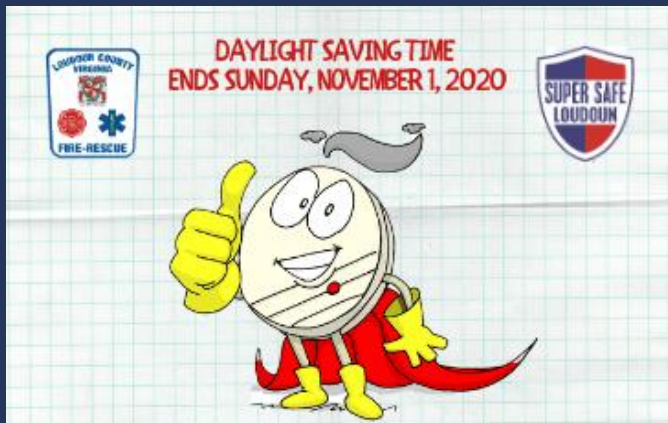
**4. Know What to Do if You Change Your Mind about Voting Absentee**

**5. Know Who and What is on the Ballot**

**6. Stay Informed**

[Get More Detailed Info on These Six Tips](#)

## **“Fall Back”, Change Your Clocks, Check Your Smoke Alarm Batteries**



Sunday, November 1st, 2020, we “Fall Back” and set our clocks back one hour to Eastern Standard Time. As we do, the Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System reminds citizens to use this opportunity to check the batteries in your smoke alarms.

Remember, smoke alarms must be maintained! All smoke alarms should be tested monthly and maintained by replacing the batteries if necessary and cleaning off any dust and debris. Standard battery operated (9 volt) smoke alarms should have their batteries replaced yearly. Be sure to check the manufacturer’s expiration date and specifications on the label located on the back of the alarm. Whether hardwired or battery driven, ALL smoke alarms should be completely replaced every ten years!

Loudoun County Fire and Rescue offers free home safety and smoke alarm assessments to all Loudoun County residents. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the department hotline [703-737-8093](tel:703-737-8093) or visit [loudoun.gov/smokealarms](http://loudoun.gov/smokealarms).

[Get More Info](#)

## Inova Free Flu Shot Clinics for the Uninsured

The Inova Cares Clinic for Families (ICCF) is now offering FREE flu vaccines for the uninsured, while supplies last.

A yearly vaccine is the best way to prevent the flu. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that adults and children age 6 months and older get an annual flu shot. Our team members will abide by all current CDC and Safe@Inova guidelines. Stopping the flu starts with you.

Free Flu Shot Clinic Schedule			
	Monday	Wednesday	Friday
	Nov. 2	Nov. 4	Nov. 6
Alexandria		3 – 5 p.m.	3 – 5 p.m.
Annandale		3 – 5 p.m.	3 – 5 p.m.
Manassas	1 – 5 p.m.		1 – 5 p.m.
Sterling		3 – 5 p.m.	3 – 5 p.m.
	Nov. 9	Nov. 11	Nov. 13
Alexandria		3 – 5 p.m.	3 – 5 p.m.
Annandale		3 – 5 p.m.	3 – 5 p.m.
Manassas	1 – 5 p.m.		1 – 5 p.m.
Sterling		3 – 5 p.m.	3 – 5 p.m.
	Nov. 16	Nov. 18	Nov. 20
Alexandria		3 – 5 p.m.	3 – 5 p.m.
Annandale		3 – 5 p.m.	3 – 5 p.m.
Manassas	1 – 5 p.m.		1 – 5 p.m.
Sterling		3 – 5 p.m.	3 – 5 p.m.

### Appointments are required.

To schedule your flu shot appointment, please call one of the four ICCF locations below.

Inova Cares Clinic for Families – Sterling  
46440 Benedict Dr., Suite 208 – [571.665.6526](tel:571.665.6526)

Inova Cares Clinic for Families – Alexandria  
4700 King St., Suite 100 – [571.665.6599](tel:571.665.6599)

Inova Cares Clinic for Families – Annandale  
7617 Little River Tpke., Suite 850 – [571.665.6636](tel:571.665.6636)

Inova Cares Clinic for Families – Manassas  
8051 Sudley Rd. – [571.719.4180](tel:571.719.4180)

**REMINDER: Health Guidance for a Safe Halloween**



Halloween, trick-or-treating, and other fall festivities are going to look and feel quite a bit different than in years past due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but we can still find ways to celebrate, have fun and stay safe.

Loudoun County officials recommend that residents do not engage in traditional

door-to-door trick-or-treating this Halloween or other activities that risk transmission of COVID-19.

Halloween activities that are considered high-risk and are not recommended include:

- Traditional trick-or-treating where treats are handed to children who go door to door.
- Trick-or-treating at houses where individuals are not wearing a face covering and where 6 feet of physical distance is not maintained between individuals.
- Trunk-or-treating where treats are handed out from trunks of cars lined up in large parking lots.
- Events that involve large gatherings, such as crowded costume parties held indoors and any events where social distancing is difficult to maintain.
- Indoor haunted houses where people may be crowded together and screaming.

[Get Safe Halloween Guidance](#)

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**REMINDER: Transit System Adjustments  
Beginning November 2**

Loudoun County Transit will modify Commuter Bus and Metro Connection Bus services beginning Monday, November 2, 2020.

Due to changes in passenger demands, the number of trips on some existing routes will be reduced, while new Commuter Bus routes will be added to include stops at Dulles South (Stone Ridge II) and East Gate Park and Ride lots.

## Commuter & Metro Connection Bus Routes Service Changes



[loudoun.gov/buschanges](http://loudoun.gov/buschanges)

Over the coming weeks, Loudoun County Transit will continue to monitor ridership and services for possible additional changes. Details on service changes as well as current schedules may be found at [loudoun.gov/buschanges](http://loudoun.gov/buschanges).

[Get Details on the Service Adjustments](#)

## Free Medicare Open Enrollment Assistance

### Medicare Open Enrollment

October 15 - December 7

**We can help find:**

- Better coverage
- Lower copays
- Lower plan premiums

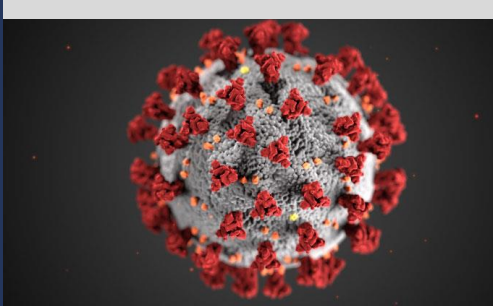


Need help during Medicare Open Enrollment? The Loudoun County Area Agency on Aging VICAP counselors are here to help (virtually)! Agency staff trained in the Virginia Insurance Counseling and Assistance Program will work with you to help you find better coverage with lower premiums and copays.

**Open enrollment runs from October 15 to December 7, 2020.**

The deadline to submit your Part D worksheet to VICAP counselors is November 8. Part D worksheets are available at Loudoun County senior centers, online at [loudoun.gov/aaa](http://loudoun.gov/aaa) or by calling [703-737-8036](tel:703-737-8036).

## 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.

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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).



- Avoid contact with sick people.
- Avoid non-essential travel.

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