



COVID-19 UPDATES
~NOVEMBER 12, 2020~

County Parks and Recreation Launches Online Master Plan Survey



The Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) is in the process of developing a master plan for the next generation of park and recreation opportunities and needs input from county residents. To ensure that the planning process is responsive to the needs of the community,

the department has contracted with a professional research company to conduct a scientific study to measure the preferences of Loudoun's residents.

A survey was mailed to random households in Loudoun in September. An online version has been launched, which should take less than 10 minutes to complete. It is confidential and individual responses will not be shared. The department is seeking input from any resident who did not receive the mail-in survey.

The survey and more information about the master planning process can be found at www.loudoun.gov/prcsmasterplan.

For more information, email prcsmasterplan@loudoun.gov.

Loudoun County Hosts Free COVID-19 Testing November 14, 2020

Loudoun County will host two free drive-thru testing events for COVID-19 on Saturday, November 14, 2020, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The testing events are open to all. There are no age or residency requirements. No

prescriptions or appointments are necessary. A person does not have to exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 in order to be tested. A PCR test (nasal swab) will be administered, which tests for the novel coronavirus. Results will be available within a week. No antibody testing will be offered.

To help reduce wait times, people who plan to attend the testing event are strongly encouraged to complete a registration form for each person who will be receiving a test prior to arriving at the testing site. The registration form is required and asks for general demographics and contact information including name, date of birth, address, phone number and current symptoms, if any.

Testing Locations

NOTE: The two testing locations are using two different registration forms because they are being operated by different contractors. Please complete the form that corresponds to the location you plan to attend for testing. Forms will also be available at the testing site.

- Tuscarora High School, 801 N. King Street, Leesburg
 - Saturday, November 14, 2020; 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
 - Tuscarora HS Registration Form: [English \(PDF\)](#) | [Spanish \(PDF\)](#)
- Simpson Middle School, 490 Evergreen Mill Road SE, Leesburg
 - Saturday, November 14, 2020; 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
 - Simpson MS Registration Form: [English \(PDF\)](#) | [Spanish \(PDF\)](#)

COVID-19 TESTING
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Two Locations

Tuscarora High School 801 N King Street Leesburg, 20176	J. Lupton Simpson Middle School 490 Evergreen Mills Road Leesburg, 20175
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Drive-thru only. Free & open to everyone.

loudoun.gov/COVID19testing

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Information about the testing events and links to the forms also are available at loudoun.gov/covid19testing.

Free Assistance for Medicare Part D Open Enrollment



The deadline for Medicare beneficiaries to make changes to their Part D Prescription Drug Plan is Dec. 7, 2020.

Anyone in need of help during Part D Open Enrollment can receive free assistance from Loudoun County Area Agency on Aging counselors. Agency staff trained in the Virginia

Insurance Counseling and Assistance Program (VICAP) can review current plans and help determine the potential cost savings from choosing a different plan for next year.

To ensure the safety of those seeking assistance, counseling services are being offered virtually by phone and email this year. Assistance is free, unbiased and confidential. Part D work sheets are available at Loudoun County senior centers, online at loudoun.gov/AAA or by calling [703-737-8036](tel:703-737-8036).

Beneficiaries should email their completed work sheet to AAAMedicare@loudoun.gov or mailed to the address below by Thursday, November 26th:

Medicare Counseling Program,
Loudoun County Area Agency on Aging
742 Miller Drive SE, Leesburg, Virginia, 20175

Loudoun County Cold Weather Shelter Opens November 15

The Loudoun County Cold Weather Shelter will open Sunday, November 15, 2020 through March 31, 2021 for adults in the community who are experiencing a housing crisis resulting in homelessness.

The Cold Weather Shelter will be located at the Loudoun Homeless Services Center, 19520 Meadowview Court in Leesburg.

The county will provide free transportation to the shelter with shuttle buses departing nightly at the times and locations below. Personal bags and belongings must be limited and no bicycles will be allowed. Face coverings, temperature checks and COVID-19 symptom screenings will be required to board the bus.

- 5:00 p.m. – Williams Watters House, 22365 Enterprise Street, Sterling (near Loudoun County Transit Local Bus Route 82 bus stop)
- 6:00 p.m. – Douglass Community Center, 405 East Market Street, Leesburg

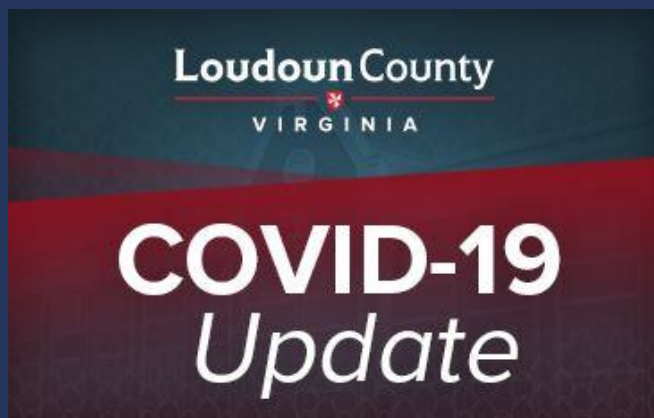
[Get More Information](#)

LOUDOUN COUNTY COLD WEATHER SHELTER

**November 15, 2020-
March 31, 2021**

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Revive! Loudoun County Opioid Overdose Reversal Training



Loudoun County continues its series of opioid overdose reversal trainings, which are now available virtually. Participants who complete the training are eligible to receive free naloxone nasal spray. They may choose to receive naloxone by mail or arrange pickup.

Registration Required

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 preregister at the link above. The training is open only to preregistered participants.

Register for Upcoming Classes

- [Monday, November 16, 2020, 5:30 p.m.](#)
- [Friday, November 20, 2020, 12:00 p.m.](#)

Restrictions Eased for Recreational Sports in Virginia

Governor Northam recently issued a [Fourth Amended Executive Order 67](#) (see page 10) that eases some restrictions for recreational sports throughout Virginia. The amendment removes the requirement for 10 feet of physical distance between players while participating in recreational sports and adds a requirement for screening coaches, officials, staff, and players for COVID-19 symptoms prior to admission to a facility.



The amendment allows all Parks, Recreation, and Community Services (PRCS) youth and adult sports leagues that play at County or Loudoun County Public School (LCPS) facilities to return to full play.

What has changed?

- Games, scrimmages, and player-on-player drills are now allowed.
- Players do not need to wear face coverings while participating in gameplay.
- Players must maintain social distancing while on the bench during games and must wear face coverings unless they are participating in gameplay.
- Due to social distancing requirements for spectators and the size of gyms, PRCS is restricting the number of spectators as follows:
 - One (1) spectator per player for all games taking place in middle school, elementary school, and high school auxiliary gyms.

- Two (2) spectators per player for any game taking place at a high school main gym.
- Spectators are expected to remain socially distant, unless they are family members.
- Spectators must wear face coverings at all times.

What hasn't changed?

- Coaches must wear face coverings at all times.

What do leagues need to do before returning to play under the revised order?

- Leagues must submit a revised Return to Play Plan based on the new guidelines. Current guidelines will remain in place until PRCS approves a league's revised Return to Play Plan.
- Leagues must notify all coaches, players, and player families about the spectator restriction and ensure adherence to the restriction.
- Leagues need to be prepared to conduct screenings of all coaches, officials, staff, and players for COVID-19 symptoms prior to admission to the facility.

Facility Supervisors will serve as PRCS customer service representatives and will provide limited oversight to LCPS and PRCS facilities while those facilities are in use by youth and adult sports leagues.

Governor Northam's [Phase 3 Guidelines for Recreational Sports](#) (see pages 20 and 38) continue to apply. The total number of attendees (including both participants and spectators) at a recreational sports event cannot exceed the lesser of 50% of the occupancy load or 250 persons. For sports played on a field, attendees are limited to 250 persons per field. Indoor sports facilities must continue to maintain a minimum of ten (10) feet of physical distancing between all individuals as much as possible (except for players in gameplay).

**Earn up to \$3,000 Towards High-Demand
Credentials**

NOVA

Northern Virginia
Community College

Students can receive up to \$3,000 towards the cost of tuition and fees for approved workforce education and degree programs at Northern Virginia Community College.

The new REV program provides tuition assistance to help recently unemployed workers earn credentials in high demand, high growth fields such as information technology, cybersecurity, engineering, allied health and the skilled trades.

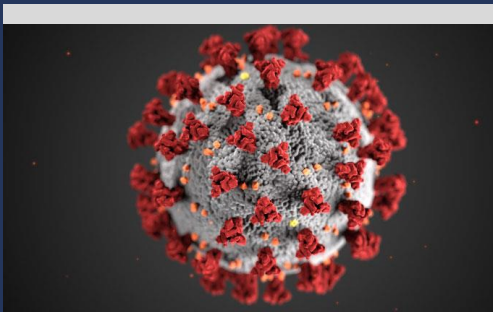
To qualify for REV funds for high-demand workforce education programs at NOVA, you must certify that you meet one of the following eligibility criteria:

- A Virginia resident who lost their job due to COVID-19 and received unemployment benefits on or after August 1, 2020.
- A Virginia resident who was laid off from a full-time job due to COVID-19 and now works part-time, earning less than \$15/hour.

Eligible applicants must enroll in a qualifying program found on nvcc.edu/rev ***before the December 14, 2020 registration deadline.***

A full list of eligible programs and next steps is available on [NOVA's website](#). Please email NOVAREV@nvcc.edu with any questions about the program.

Stay Informed!



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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.

Loudoun County encourages residents to stay informed about COVID-19

- To receive email updates on COVID-19, visit 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.

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