



## COVID-19 Updates & Important Information ~SEPTEMBER 2, 2021~

### 'Prepare to Protect.' September is National Preparedness Month

A graphic for National Preparedness Month. On the left, the year "2021" is written vertically in large white numbers on a dark background. To the right, a green banner contains the text "National Preparedness Month" and "Prepare to Protect". Below this is a photograph of an elderly woman, a young girl, and a woman looking at a laptop together. A small "Ready" logo is in the bottom right of the photo. At the bottom, a green banner displays the website "loudoun.gov/ready" and the Loudoun County logo.

Loudoun County officials encourage residents and businesses to take time during September to prepare for emergencies. September is National Preparedness Month, which promotes family and community disaster planning.

This year's theme is "Prepare to Protect,"

highlighting how preparing for disasters helps to protect your loved ones.

#### Emergency Preparedness: Step by Step

By taking a few simple steps today, you can become better prepared to face a range of emergencies that could occur anytime and anywhere.

- **Step 1: Make a Plan.** Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so it is important to plan ahead for how to get to a safe place, contact loved ones and reunite once the emergency is over. Online planning tools for families, businesses and places of worship can be found at [ReadyNOVA](#).
- **Step 2: Build a Kit.** Being prepared means having your own food, water and other supplies to last for at least 72 hours. A disaster supplies kit is a collection of basic items your household may need in the event of an emergency, including items that can protect against COVID-19, including hand sanitizer, soap, disinfectant wipes and face coverings. Find out more at [loudoun.gov/makeakit](http://loudoun.gov/makeakit).
- **Step 3: Be Informed.** Know the types of [hazards](#) that may occur and how you will receive information before, during and after an emergency. Sign up for [Alert Loudoun](#) to get emergency information and other Loudoun County news and information. Monitor local weather forecasts from the [National Weather Service](#).

[Learn More](#)

## 2021 Friends of Loudoun Mental Health Walk for Hope

On Saturday, September 25th, Friends of Loudoun Mental Health will host their 2021 Walk for Hope beginning at 9:00 am at Raflo Park in Leesburg, VA.

Friends of Loudoun Mental Health is an all-volunteer, community-based, non-profit organization that helps those disabled by mental illness better their lives by providing assistance for living arrangements, advocating on their behalf for improved care and resources, and promoting recovery and community awareness.

This 1-mile walk through beautiful Historic Downtown Leesburg is a unique opportunity for the Loudoun community to come together and enjoy a fun-filled



morning of walking, fellowship, and reaffirming the importance of understanding mental illnesses as well as embracing and supporting the recovery process.

There will also be a yoga instructor present to provide some stretching exercises you can do before the walk and afterwards at home.

Registration is free, but a suggested donation of \$50 is welcomed and will support "A Helping Hand", which is a core program of Friends of Loudoun Mental Health. All proceeds go toward supporting Loudoun residents living with mental illness. For questions or more information, please email [friends@loudounfriends.org](mailto:friends@loudounfriends.org).

[Register Today](#)

## Loudoun County Recycling Guide Takes the Guesswork Out of Recycling; Prevents Waste



"Can this be recycled?" It's a common question in households. The [Loudoun County Recycling Guide](#) helps provide answers, which can lead to a reduction in the amount of waste in the recycling stream.

The Loudoun County Recycling Guide lists items that can be recycled

through curbside recycling and at the [county's recycling drop-off centers](#). Items not specifically listed as acceptable materials should not be placed in a recycling container until your local service provider is contacted to confirm whether they can be recycled. Links to the online version of the guide as well as a downloadable .pdf may be found at [loudoun.gov/recycling](http://loudoun.gov/recycling).

### Common Mistakes

Plastic bags, plastic foam (such as Styrofoam), empty motor oil containers and recyclables sealed in plastic trash bags are common items mistakenly set out for recycling.

## Glass Bottles and Jars

Currently, one of the most common questions about recycling concerns glass bottles and jars. While glass bottles and jars are still accepted in some curbside recycling programs, the glass is not always able to be put to a beneficial use and may be discarded as waste.

Loudoun County has established a glass recycling program at six recycling drop-off centers where glass bottles and jars are collected separately from other recyclable materials to ensure they are recovered for another use. More details are available at [loudoun.gov/recycling](https://loudoun.gov/recycling).

## More Information

More information about the county's recycling and waste management programs is available by calling [703-771-5500](tel:703-771-5500) or visiting [loudoun.gov/wastemanagement](https://loudoun.gov/wastemanagement).

## **REMINDER: Dulles Town Center Vaccination Site to Permanently Close Sept. 3; Sterling Elementary Site Opens Sept. 4**

Loudoun County will continue providing COVID-19 vaccinations to anyone 12 years and older at the Dulles Town Center clinic for an additional week beyond the previously scheduled closure of the facility.

**The vaccination site is now scheduled to close permanently at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, September 3, 2021.**



**New COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Opens September 4**

Sterling Elementary School  
200 West Church Road, Sterling  
Saturdays, 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
By Appointment Only

LOUDOUN COUNTY VIRGINIA [loudoun.gov/covid19vaccine](https://loudoun.gov/covid19vaccine)

The Loudoun County Health Department will begin operating a COVID-19 vaccination site at Sterling Elementary School on Saturday, September 4, 2021. This new location replaces the vaccination site at the Dulles Town Center.

The new vaccination site is located at 200 West Church Road in Sterling. The county's COVID-19 vaccination clinic at Sterling Elementary School will be open every Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. by appointment only until further notice. Vaccinations at this location are free and open to everyone age 12 years and over.

[Learn More](#)

## Apply for EDAC to Help Shape Loudoun's Economic Future



Loudoun Economic Development is seeking candidates to serve on the Economic Development Advisory Commission, a body of business leaders tasked with advising the Board of Supervisors and shaping the economic

environment.

Members of the Loudoun business community who are interested in volunteering their time and expertise to promote the economic growth of the county should **submit an application online by close of business on Friday, September 17, 2021**. Applications submitted after this date will not be eligible for recommendation to the Board of Supervisors from EDAC leadership.

At least three seats on the commission need to be filled, and Loudoun County seeks diverse and experienced voices to apply for these openings.

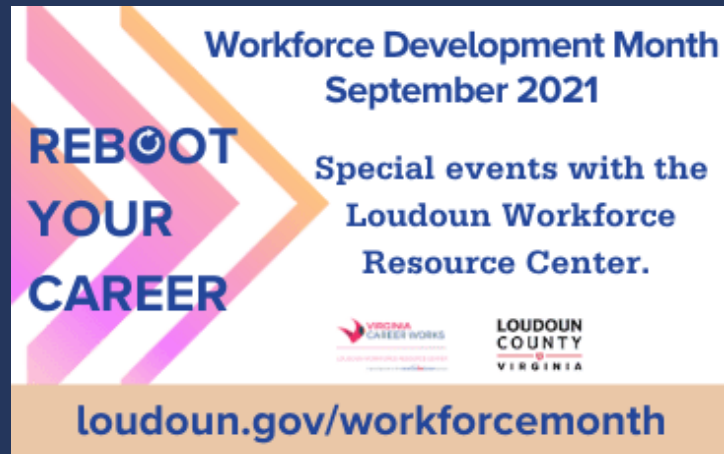
Applicants should be comfortable attending business meetings, working collaboratively on a shared vision for the future, and communicating the county's resources back to the business interests they represent.

[Learn More and Apply Today](#)

## REMINDER: Loudoun Workforce Resource Center Offers Career Assistance During Workforce Development Month



During September -- Workforce Development Month -- the Loudoun Workforce Resource Center will feature special virtual and in-person events at no cost for job seekers and people who are considering changing careers.



Visit [loudoun.gov/workforcemonth](https://loudoun.gov/workforcemonth) for detailed information about each event and how to register. Events will include:

- **Community Connections: Drop In & Discover:** Tuesday, September 7, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.
- **Childcare Options for Working Families:** Wednesday, September 8, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- **Remote Work in the New Normal:** Thursday, September 9, 10:00 – 11:15 a.m.
- **Making Work, Work for You - An Introduction to Social Security Disability Work Incentives:** Thursday, September 9, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- **Youth WIOA (Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act) Information Session:** Monday, September 13, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
- **Is WIOA (Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act) Right for You? (Two sessions):** Thursday, September 16, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.; Thursday, September 23, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
- **Transition to Work: Re-engaging with Co-workers and Customers:** Friday, September 17, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
- **Career Conversations: A Panel Discussion & Networking Reception:** Monday, September 27, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- **Managing Your Money – Budgeting & Savings Strategies (Two sessions):** Tuesday, September 28, 12:00 - 1:15

p.m. (English); Wednesday, September 29, 12:00 - 1:15 p.m.  
(Spanish)

The Loudoun Workforce Resource Center provides no-cost resources and equipment to job seekers and businesses to help them achieve their employment goals.

More information about the center can be found at [loudoun.gov/wrc](http://loudoun.gov/wrc).

## Loudoun County Public Library Expanded Hours



during operating hours.

On Sunday, August 29th, Loudoun County Public Library expanded its opening hours.

Seven branches have resumed Sunday service and all branches will open 30 minutes earlier at 9:30 am Monday through Saturday.

Please note:

- The Law Library in downtown Leesburg remains open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Curbside Pickup is available

With expanded hours, LCPL is excited to rebuild their robust schedule of library programming for all ages. Check their [online calendar](#) for all upcoming events, both [in-person](#) and [virtual](#).

**NOTE: Face masks are required in the library for everyone age 2 and older regardless of vaccination status.** Disposable masks are available to those who need one. Loudoun County Government's mask requirement is in effect for all county facilities.

[Get More Information](#)

## Get Involved in Northern Virginia's Transportation Future

Developing TransAction depends on public input to understand and prioritize transportation projects that will improve travel throughout the region. The region's economic vitality and quality of life depend on an effective and forward-thinking transportation network. As the landscape of our region continues to evolve, public engagement is more important than ever. Public input is critical to ensuring a safe, equitable, and sustainable transportation system for many years to come.



Throughout the planning process, there will be opportunities to get involved and let us know what transportation issues matter most to you.

### **Summer 2021 Opportunities**

**Take the NVTA survey:** What are your transportation needs and priorities? Let NVTA know by [taking the survey](#) before September 17.

**Live chat with the NVTA team:** Thursdays between 1:00 pm -3:00 pm through September 16th

**In-person pop up event:**

- Wednesday, September 8
  - Wiehle-Reston Metro Station – Reston, VA
  - 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm
- Saturday, September 11
  - Sterling Park Shopping Mall – Sterling, VA
  - 10:30 am – 1:30 pm



More dates and locations will be announced soon.

[Learn More](#)

## Plant NOVA Trees Campaign



Plant NOVA Trees is a new and focused drive by the [Plant NOVA Natives](#) campaign to increase the native tree canopy in Northern Virginia.

The drive launched in September 2021 and will continue through the fall of 2026.

Plant NOVA Trees is a partnership made up of representatives from state and local agencies, not-for-profit and for-profit organizations, and numerous concerned citizens, all pooling their resources to work toward this common

goal. The campaign's success rests on the action of the millions of individuals who make up our Northern Virginia community. The majority of trees in our region, and of spaces that need more trees, are on private property.

Learn how you can support the campaign by organizing tree plantings and rescues, donating, attending events and more at [www.plantnovatrees.org/](http://www.plantnovatrees.org/).

**REMINDER: Metro to Expand Service and Reduce Fares Starting September 5**

Beginning Sunday, September 5th, Metro will add more trains and buses, extend train service on the weekends, and lower fares to make riding easier and more convenient as people return to school and work.

Changes will include:

- Add more buses on the busiest lines to better serve customers throughout the day.
- Reduce average wait times for buses during the day.
- Restore more service that had been suspended due to the pandemic.
- Provide free bus transfers between rail and discounted passes.



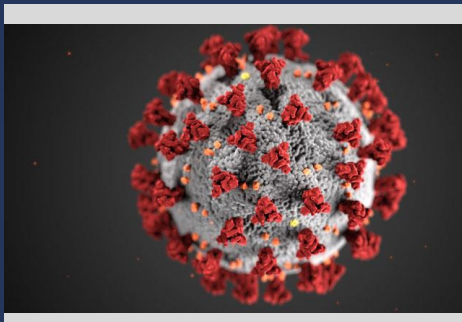
On Metrorail, more trains will run during off-peak hours, as well as run longer on weekends and open earlier on Sundays. The Metro system will remain open an hour later — until 1:00 am — on Fridays and Saturdays and open an hour earlier — at 7:00 am — on Sundays.

### **Fall Pass Sale**

Metro will also offer up to a 50% discount on select unlimited pass products between Thursday, September 16 and Friday, October 15.

[More Information on the Changes](#)

## **Stay Informed!**



**LOUDOUN  
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**VIRGINIA**

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.

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).

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Avoid contact with sick people.
- Avoid non-essential travel.

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