



NEWSFLASH
Inside Sterling
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LAST CALL: Order Free At-Home COVID Tests

Residential households in the U.S. are eligible for another order of free at-home tests on USPS.com.

However, this federal free at-home COVID-19 test kit program is being suspended this Friday, September 2, 2022.

Here's what you need to know about your order:

- Each order now includes 8 rapid antigen COVID-19 tests (FDA has more details about at-home tests, including extended shelf life and updated expiration dates: [Authorized At-Home Over-the-Counter COVID-19 Diagnostic Tests](#))
- Your order of 8 tests will come in 2 separate packages (4 tests in each package), each with its own tracking number

LAST CALL
ORDER YOUR FREE COVID-19 AT-HOME TEST KITS
FEDERAL PROGRAM ENDS FRIDAY, 9/2/2022
COVID.GOV/TESTS

- Packages will ship free

Find more information on free testing resources in the [COVID.gov/tests "Other Testing Resources" section](https://www.covid.gov/tests/other-testing-resources) or by calling [1-800-232-0233](tel:1-800-232-0233) (TTY [1-888-720-7489](tel:1-888-720-7489)).

Order your tests now before it's too late at <https://special.usps.com/testkits>.

Lifeguard Shortage Affecting Hours of Operation at Claude Moore Pools



Temporary Schedule at Claude Moore Pools

The pool operating hours are being adjusted due to a lifeguard shortage.



Get the latest schedule: loudoun.gov/poolhours

A shortage of lifeguards is impacting operations at the Claude Moore Recreation and Community Center pools and may impact hours at the other aquatic facilities operated by the Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services. The lifeguard shortage is

further exacerbated by the reduced availability of lifeguards who have left employment or reduced their hours to return to school.

Claude Moore Recreation and Community Center Pools

For the immediate future, pool hours at the Claude Moore Recreation and Community Center will be adjusted at least through Labor Day to accommodate available staffing levels and to ensure the pool is open during peak use times as much as possible. The pools will continue to open at their normal times; 5:00 a.m. for the competition pool and 9:00 a.m. for the leisure pool; however, the pools will be closed for segments of the day when proper staffing levels cannot be achieved or when use is typically lower.

The schedule for this week is as follows:

Claude Moore Competition Pool

- Thurs., Sept. 1: 5:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.; 3:00 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.
- Fri., Sept. 2: 5:00 a.m. - 9:15 p.m.
- Sat., Sept. 3: 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Sun., Sept. 4: 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Mon., Sept. 5: 11:00 a.m. - 5:45 p.m.

Claude Moore Leisure Pool

- Thurs., Sept. 1: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.; 5:00 - 8:45 p.m.
- Fri., Sept. 2: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Sat., Sept. 3: 11:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- Sun., Sept. 4: 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Mon., Sept. 5: 11:00 a.m. - 5:45 p.m.

Patrons are encouraged to check the Loudoun County website at loudoun.gov/poolhours for any adjustments to the pool schedules.

Other Loudoun County Pools

Currently, staffing is adequate at Loudoun County's other pools at the Dulles South Recreation and Community Center, Franklin Park, Lovettsville Community Center and the Round Hill Indoor Aquatic Center. However, residents should be aware that staffing issues could impact these facilities unexpectedly and they are encouraged to check loudoun.gov/poolhours for any schedule adjustments.

Future Operations

Loudoun County is working to identify immediate solutions to help residents better predict current pool hours, as well as to develop more sustainable staffing plans that ensure consistent operations at the county's aquatic facilities in the future.

Loudoun Seeks Comments about Board of Supervisors' Public Input Process

Loudoun County is seeking input from the community concerning the process for providing public comment to the Board of Supervisors.

Members of the public are invited to fill out a brief online survey to answer questions about the current process for providing comments to

the Board, including questions about the advance sign-up procedure and what their preferred language to provide comments would be. The survey results will be used by the Board as it considers changes to its [Rules of Order \(PDF\)](#) related to the procedures for accepting public comment in languages other than English during Board meetings.

- [Take the online survey in English](#)
- [Take the online survey in Spanish](#)

Changes previously considered by the Board would allow speakers who wish to provide comments in a language other than English to use the allotted time to deliver comments in a language other than English and provide the Board with a transcript of the comments or allocate the full time to an interpreter to deliver comments in English on the commenters' behalf.

The survey will be active through close of business Monday, September 12, 2022. To request the survey in a language other than English or Spanish, [email Public Affairs and Communications](#).

Current Public Input Process

The Board of Supervisors encourages people to sign up to speak during public comment periods at its meetings. Members of the public are typically given at least two minutes to speak. Speakers have the option to deliver comments in person or remotely.

Details on the current procedures for public comment at Board meetings may be found online at [loudoun.gov/signuptospeak](#).



September is National Preparedness Month: Create a 'Lasting Legacy'



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 "A Lasting Legacy," highlighting how families

can prepare now for disasters to protect their loved ones and create a lasting legacy for the future.

Like many communities, Loudoun has the potential to experience many types of hazards, such as blizzards, flooding, high winds, power outages, tornadoes and even terrorist events. National Preparedness Month comes in the middle of hurricane season and is a reminder that even though Loudoun is inland, the county is vulnerable to the effects of hurricanes, which can produce extensive flooding hundreds of miles from the coast.

There are many local, state, regional and national resources available to help individuals and families with the process of being prepared for emergencies, including loudoun.gov/ready, Ready.gov, [ReadyNOVA](https://ReadyNOVA.com) and the [Virginia Department of Emergency Management](https://www.virginia.gov/emergency).

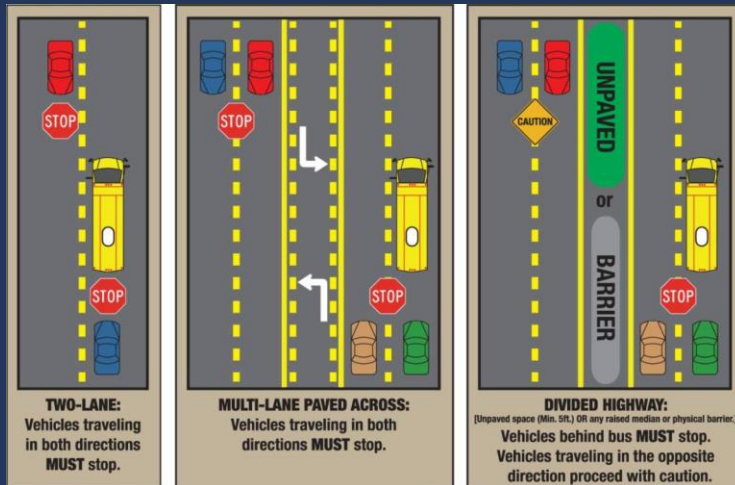
In addition to online resources, the [Loudoun County Office of Emergency Management](https://loudoun.gov/emergency) will have preparedness information available through displays at the county's community centers, senior centers, the Loudoun County Government Center and Loudoun County Public Library branches throughout September.

Throughout National Preparedness Month, follow Loudoun County Government on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/loudouncountyva) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/loudouncountyva) for tips on preparing yourself and your family for all types of hazards. For more information and resources on preparing for emergencies, visit loudoun.gov/ready.

REMINDER: School Bus Safety

School is back in session and the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office wants to remind drivers of important information when encountering a school bus.

Drivers are required to follow certain laws when encountering a school bus. Virginia motorists must:



- Stop for stopped school buses with flashing red lights and an extended stop sign when approaching from any direction.
- Remain stopped until everyone is clear, and the bus moves again
- Stop whenever the bus is loading or unloading passengers, even if the lights and stop sign are not activated.

If a school bus is on the opposite side of a median or barrier, motorists aren't required to stop; however, drivers should be prepared for students exiting the school bus and crossing into their lanes.

We all have a role to make this a safe school year for all our students.

Support Loudoun Firefighters as they Fill-the-Boot for Muscular Dystrophy

Fill the Boot



for MDA



<https://bit.ly/FTBLoudoun3756>

International Association of Firefighters
Loudoun County, Virginia Local 3756



Labor Day weekend, members of the Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System (LC-CFRS) and the Loudoun Career Fire Fighters Association (LCFFA) Local 3756 will join the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) to

collect donations for the 2022 "Fill-the-Boot" campaign.

Firefighters will be hitting the streets across Loudoun County between September 3 – 5, 2022 to support the MDA's mission and give the Loudoun community the opportunity to make a difference.

The Fill-the-Boot drive is the result of a partnership between MDA and the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF). For over sixty years the IAFF has pledged to assist MDA in any way possible until a cure was found to treat this debilitating disease. Research and assistance for individuals suffering from neuromuscular disease can be an incredible financial burden on a family and Loudoun's first responders are here to support them.

All funds raised by Loudoun County firefighters assist local families affected by one of the forty-three neuromuscular diseases. These donations provide families with a network of specialized clinics, financial aid for assistive equipment, support groups, informative publications, and accessible summer camps for kids.

If you miss them or would rather make a secure online donation to their 2022 MDA campaign, please visit <https://bit.ly/FTBLoudoun3756>.

For more information about the Muscular Dystrophy Association and to learn how your generous donations help these amazing kids, please visit www.mda.org.

Vendor Registration for Fiesta Sterling!

SAVE THE DATE! The Sterling Community Center invites the community to the inaugural !Fiesta Sterling! This community event will be full of children's activities, food, music, dance and heritage as we celebrate Latino Heritage Month with this kickoff event.

The event will be held at the Sterling Community Center (120 Enterprise Street, Sterling, VA 20164) on Saturday, September 24th from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. This is an outdoor festival and will be held rain or shine.

Register as a Vendor

Fiesta leadership would like to extend an offer to schools, churches, businesses, and organizations an opportunity to be a part of this inaugural !Fiesta Sterling!

Below is the link if you would like to register for a non-profit table free of charge as well as a commercial vendor and also a food vendor opportunity. All pricing for commercial and food vending will be sent in a different email directly to your contact information in the form you fill out.

Here is the link to register:

<https://lfportal.loudoun.gov/Forms/FiestaSterlingVendor>

Submitting this application, or applications for permitting to LCHD DOES NOT guarantee your acceptance to be a Latino Festival Vendor. Your application will be reviewed and if you are selected you will receive a return email or phone call.



The poster features a banner at the top that reads "DAYS OF CELEBRATION" in orange letters. Below the banner, the text "iFIESTA!" is written in large, bold, black letters, with "Sterling" in a colorful, cursive font underneath. To the right of the text is a vibrant, multi-colored illustration of a person in traditional Mexican attire. A "FREE" stamp is placed to the left of the event details. The event details are listed in black and orange text: "STERLING COMMUNITY CENTER", "120 ENTERPRISE ST", "STERLING, VA", "SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24", and "1:00PM-5:00PM". A QR code is located to the right of the event details, with the text "LOUDOUN.GOV/PRCS" below it. At the bottom left is the PRCS logo, and at the bottom right is the text "LOUDOUN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES" and "LOUDOUN.GOV/PRCS".

Note: If you plan on bringing your own tent to the Fiesta Sterling! no tents exceeding 10'x10' or without proper weights will be permitted.

For questions or more information, please contact Fiesta Sterling Coordinator, Richard Cabellos at Richard.Cabellos@loudoun.gov.

REMINDER: Service Changes for Loudoun County Transit



Labor Day Bus Service Changes for September 5, 2022

On Monday, September 5, 2022, Loudoun County Transit will not provide bus service in observance of Labor Day. Commuter, Local and Metro Connection bus services and the [Loudoun County Courthouse Shuttle](#) will

not run.

Service Change Notifications

All riders should monitor loudoun.gov/buschanges, after 4:00 a.m. for possible unexpected service changes. A voice mail message at [703-771-5665](tel:703-771-5665) also will be updated should any service changes occur.

To receive Loudoun County Transit notifications, download Transit app for free on Google Play or the Apple Store. After download, set your favorite routes to begin receiving notifications for the buses you ride. For more information, visit loudoun.gov/transitapp.

Contact Loudoun Transit and Commuter Services

Comments regarding any suggested route, stop or schedule changes are welcomed and should be [emailed to Transit Comments](#). Commuters may also contact us by phone at [877-465-2287](tel:877-465-2287) or [703-771-5665](tel:703-771-5665). A customer service representative is available to speak to callers Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Please be aware that the Department of Transportation & Capital Infrastructure (DTCI), which includes Loudoun County Transit, will close at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 2, 2022, and remain closed until 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 6, 2022.

LCAS Low-Cost Rabies Vaccine and Microchip Clinics

Keep your pets healthy and safe by joining Loudoun County Animal Services (LCAS) at one of our low-cost rabies vaccine and microchip clinics. Dogs and cats as young as 12 weeks may participate in the clinic. Pet owners should bring their cats in carriers. Dogs must remain on a leash of



six feet or less. No flexi-leads, please. LCAS recommends bringing any prior vaccination records, but records are not required. Have questions? [Email LCAS!](#)

Next Rabies & Microchip Clinic

Low-Cost Rabies Vaccination & Microchip Clinic - Loudoun County Animal Services (LCAS), 42225 Adoption Drive, Leesburg, VA

- Tuesday, September 6, 2022 - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

These clinics are walk-in, no appointment needed and open to all cats and dogs. Please bring cats in carriers and dogs on non-extendable leashes. These are low-cost clinics, cash or check only please.

Please bring proof of prior rabies vaccination to receive the 3 year vaccine for your pet.

- Microchip - \$15 (free for Loudoun County residents)
- 1 year Rabies Vaccine & 1 year Dog License - \$20
- 3 year Rabies Vaccine & 3 year Dog License - \$40
- Cat Rabies Vaccine (1 & 3 year) - \$10

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.

The in-person events will take place at the Workforce Resource Center at 705 E. Market Street, Suite E in Leesburg and at several Loudoun County Public Library branches.

Visit loudoun.gov/workforcemonth for detailed information about each event and how to register.

Events will include, but are not limited to:

Coffee & Career Chat

- Thursday, September 8, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m., Workforce Resource Center

How to Job Search for Remote Work

- Monday, September 12, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m., Virtual

Let's Go to Work! (Two sessions)

- Tuesday, September 13, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m., Virtual
- Tuesday, September 13, 1:30 – 4:00 p.m., Workforce Resource Center (Spanish language interpretation available)

Resumes and Cover Letters: Make Yours Stand Out (Three sessions)

- Wednesday, September 14, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Sterling Library, 22330 S. Sterling Blvd, Suite A117, Sterling
- Tuesday, September 20, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Rust Library, 380 Old Waterford Road NW, Leesburg
- Tuesday, September 27, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Gum Spring Library, 24600 Millstream Drive, Stone Ridge

10 Crucial Steps for Success in IT

- Wednesday, September 14, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m., Virtual

Top 10 Reasons You Didn't Get Hired

- Thursday, September 15, 10:00 – 11:30 a.m., Virtual

Virtual Job Fair

- Saturday, September 17, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Virtual

LinkedIn Profile Headshot Photography (by appointment only – two sessions)

- Monday, September 19, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Workforce Resource Center
- Tuesday, September 20, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Workforce Resource Center

The full list of events and programs is available online at loudoun.gov/wrc.

**Loudoun County Activities & Events Mark
September as National Recovery Month**

In recognition of September as [National Recovery Month](#), Loudoun County is promoting several activities designed to increase public awareness surrounding mental health and addiction recovery, including a "Recovery Fest," distribution of free

drug deactivation kits and medication lock boxes and a new option for "Revive!," the ongoing opioid overdose reversal training.



Loudoun Recovery Fest

Loudoun County, in partnership with the Prevention Alliance of Loudoun (PAL) and Loudoun Serenity House, will host the second annual Loudoun Recovery Fest on Saturday, September 10, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Algonkian Regional Park, 47001 Fairway Drive, Shelter #1, in Sterling.

The Loudoun Recovery Fest is free and open to everyone of all ages. The event will feature food, drinks, raffle prizes and a variety of wellness vendors to offer members of the community the opportunity to learn about and connect with resources.

For more information on PAL, visit loudoun.gov/mhsadsprevention or [send an email](#).

Drug Deactivation Bags and Medication Lock Boxes

Loudoun County will offer free drug deactivation bags and medication lock boxes during the month of September.

The bags and lock boxes can be requested by [sending an email](#) or by visiting one of the three Loudoun County Department of Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Developmental Services (MHSADS) offices during the month of September.

Office locations and hours of operation are as follows:

- MHSADS Clinic, Leesburg

- 102 Heritage Way NE, Suite 302, Leesburg, VA 20176,
• Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- MHSADS Clinic, Sterling
 - 21641 Ridgetop Circle, Suite 210, Sterling, VA 20166
 - Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- MHSADS Office of the Director, Leesburg
 - 906 Trailview Boulevard SE, Leesburg, VA 20175
 - Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Rapid REVIVE!

Loudoun County has launched a new, shortened format of the opioid overdose reversal training, REVIVE! This new version, called Rapid REVIVE!, allows individuals to complete the training in six minutes.

REVIVE! is the opioid overdose and naloxone education program for the Commonwealth of Virginia. The training is free and anyone who uses opioids or knows someone who is using opioids is encouraged to attend a training. Upcoming classes, along with registration information, are posted at loudoun.gov/revive.

For More Information

For more information on prevention and intervention services offered by the Loudoun County Department of Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Developmental Services, visit loudoun.gov/mhsadsprevention or [send an email](#).

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