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NewsFlash



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LCPS Extends Closure Until At Least April 10

Sent: March 17, 2020

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Many thanks to you and your families for your continued flexible as we navigate this rapidly evolving situation. I know I'm inundating you with updates; however, the situation is rapidly evolving and I'm doing my best to keep you updated with what I know, when I know it.

In addition to the below listed proactive measures that the County's taking, I strongly recommend that you and your families continue engaging in your own social distancing. Here are a few examples of how my family and I are doing so: I routinely attend church on Sundays; however, I won't be physically doing so until this situation is over. Instead, I'll watch services online. My kids want to play with friends or have them come over since schools are closed - That's not happening. I normally don't wear disposable rubber gloves when grocery shopping or pumping gas - That is happening. My parents want to visit - I said no to protect them from me and me from them (and yes, I love my parents!) Again, these are just a few examples of the choices my family is making.

Please take this situation seriously, take care of your families, stay informed and be smart. We will get through this together!

Governor Restricts Gatherings Over 10

Click [here](#) to watch today's press conference. Here are a few key messages that he made:

- VA to follow federal guidelines regarding social gatherings of 10 or more people (this includes within restaurants, theaters, malls, etc).
- Encourages restaurants to continue offering take out.
- Urges residents 65+ to self quarantine.
- Announces closure of DMV offices. Website to remain active.
- Announces immediate access to state unemployment funds for affected workers. Click [here](#) to visit VA Employment Commission webpage.

- Urges residents to be responsible and to help seniors and your community where possible.
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Here's what Loudoun's nonprofits are doing to help during the coronavirus outbreak

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The Mobile Hope bus is traveling around Loudoun County to provide assistance to anyone in need.

What Loudoun's Non-Profits Are Doing to Help

Loudoun Times Mirror article regarding non-profit efforts to help folks for residents in need during COVID-19. Click [here](#) for article.

Temp Closures of Loudoun Departments to Implement Social Distancing

As part of an effort to mitigate the impact of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in the county, Loudoun County employees are implementing social distancing measures in all offices. To plan, train and implement social distancing protocols, some Loudoun County government departments will suspend their public-facing operations for one to two days.

This week, several county service centers will temporarily close or adjust their hours of operation including the Departments of Family Services; Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Developmental Services; Planning and Zoning; Building and Development; and the Office of Mapping and Geographic Information.

All impacts to county operations will be posted at loudoun.gov/temporaryclosures. Loudoun County residents are encouraged to check the webpage before making a visit to any Loudoun County government department or program in person to confirm the location is open to the public.

In addition, the county is suspending the use of its public conference rooms to anyone outside the county government at least until April 1, 2020.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends social distancing as one of the best measures to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19. The CDC defines social distancing as maintaining a distance of approximately six feet from others when possible, which

limits the potential of the virus spreading from person to person through coughs and sneezes. The CDC also recommends avoiding mass gatherings and crowded public places where close contact with others may occur, such as shopping centers, movie theaters and stadiums.

Residents are encouraged to take advantage of the many online services available through the county website, loudoun.gov, including paying taxes, filing a marriage license application and viewing animals available for adoption, to name a few. The website also lists telephone numbers and emails for all county departments.

Loudoun County Public Schools: Closed until at least April 10.

County Employees: Department Directors have developed and implemented emergency staffing plans for limiting the number of employees required to report to their physical work location. County staff has also worked to identify the most frequently asked questions and to develop written guidance to the workforce. Employees will continue to receive guidance from their direct supervisors.

Senior Centers: Closed until further notice. However, county staff will continue to provide home delivery meal services to those who are signed up as well as emergency meals delivery services to the congregate meals members.

Adult Day Care Centers: Closed until further notice.

Public Recreation Centers and Community Centers: All programs canceled and facilities closed until at least April 1, 2020. County parks will remain open for self-directed trail and leisure use during normal operating hours; however, all park offices and athletic complexes will be closed. Routine cleaning of playground equipment will be maintained. PRCS administration in Leesburg will be open during normal operating hours, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Public Libraries: Closed until further notice.

Preschool and Daycare: The county's Preschool and daycare programs that are operated by the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services will be closed while Loudoun County Public Schools are closed.

County After School Activities (CASA): With the closure of Loudoun County Public Schools, all after-school programs, including CASA programs, are canceled while the Loudoun County Public Schools are closed.

Paratransit Bus Service: Guidance on social distancing measures similar to those provided to first responders will be provided to staff and contractors operating this transportation service.

Human Services Agencies: Guidance on social distancing measures similar to those provided to first responders will be provided to staff and contractors providing both mental health and social services to clients in the field.

Advisory Bodies and Commissions: All regularly scheduled meetings of the Advisory Boards, Commissions, and Committees are cancelled at this time. This aligns with the closing of the Loudoun County Public Schools. Board policy specifically cancels these meetings whenever the schools are unexpectedly closed due to inclement weather, so we have opted to do the same thing now that the schools have been unexpectedly closed due to the Coronavirus outbreak.

There are a few exceptions:

Pursuant to the Code of Virginia, the following bodies will continue to meet:

- The Board of Supervisors
- The Planning Commission
- Board of Equalization
- The Board of Zoning Appeals

The following Board of Supervisors (BOS) Standing Committees may continue to meet if their Chairs decide to do so:

- The Finance/Government Operations & Economic Development Committee
- The Joint BOS/School Board Committee
- The Transportation & Land Use Committee

[More Here: County Closures & Operating Status](#)

Resources

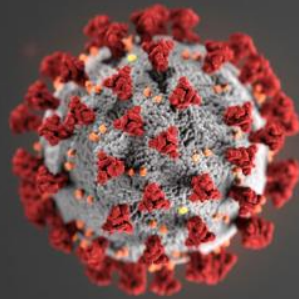


CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

[Loudoun County's Coronavirus Web page](#)

This is Loudoun County's central clearinghouse for coronavirus information. They update it regularly with new reports and press releases, the latest guidance from County government, and up-to-date documents and guides from health experts like the CDC.

[Visit Loudoun's Website](#)



Coronavirus Disease 2019

CDC is responding to the novel coronavirus outbreak.

[Learn More](#)

[CDC's Coronavirus Web page](#)

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is the leading national public health institute of the United States. They have a web page about the coronavirus, where they provide guides on how to protect yourself and others, what to do if you get sick, and other related issues, as well as more detailed guidance for schools, businesses, and other specific groups. They also keep track of the latest worldwide updates though they don't have as much Loudoun specific news.

[Visit the CDC Website](#)



www.vdh.virginia.gov

[Virginia Department of Health's Coronavirus Webpage](#)

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) oversees public health throughout the Commonwealth's 35 local health districts. They have a coronavirus web page much like the CDC's, with regular news updates, guides for responding to the virus, and a total count of coronavirus cases in Virginia, updated Mon - Fri at noon and broken down by city or county. The VDH's news and guidance is more specifically focused on Virginia.

[Visit the VDH Website](#)



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Johns Hopkins' Coronavirus Resource Center

Johns Hopkins University's medical teaching and research arm has nationally-recognized expertise in infectious disease and emergency response. They maintain a coronavirus web page with daily situation reports (usually a worldwide snapshot, which doesn't include specific information about Virginia or Loudoun County), as well as guides and information to help you deal with the virus. And unlike the CDC or the VDH, they have an interactive map of all confirmed COVID-19 cases around the world.

[Visit the John Hopkins Website](#)

Additional Resources

Loudoun Department of Health Coronavirus Hotline: 703-737-8300

Virginia Department of Health Coronavirus Hotline: 877-275-8343

Email Loudoun County Health Department at health@loudoun.gov

Call Loudoun Health Department M-F 9-9, S-S 9-5: 703-737-8300

All my best,



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