



## COVID-19 UPDATES ~JUNE 26, 2020~

### Governor Northam Provides COVID-19 Updates



In addition to an update on COVID-19 cases, testing and contact tracing, the governor announced that funding from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act will be used to develop statewide programs to help prevent evictions and to provide those in need with help paying utility bills. Details on these programs will be forthcoming in the next several weeks.

This was the governor’s final regularly scheduled COVID-19 news conference. Going forward, as Virginia enters Phase 3 of the reopening plan July 1, the news conferences will be held as needed.

- [Phase 3 Guidelines](#)

### Loudoun County Receives Face Masks from Taiwanese Sister City and a Long-Time Local Business Owner

On Tuesday, Loudoun County officials hosted Taiwanese officials and the United States Martial Arts Academy's Grandmaster Eung Gil Choi, to receive gifts of 12,000 medical face masks to aid in the COVID-19 response.



The brief presentation ceremony was conducted in a socially distant manner at the Government Center in Leesburg, and the boxes of masks were delivered to the county's Emergency Operations Center for distribution.

[Learn More](#)

## IRS Announces Rollover Relief for Retirement Accounts



The Internal Revenue Service today announced that anyone who already took a required minimum distribution (RMD) in 2020 from certain retirement accounts now has the opportunity to roll those funds back into a retirement account following

the CARES Act RMD waiver for 2020.

The 60-day rollover period for any RMDs already taken this year has been extended to August 31, 2020, to give taxpayers time to take advantage of this opportunity.

[More Details](#)

## CDC and FDA Issue Statement on Food Packaging and COVID-19

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in conjunction with the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), recently issued guidance for manufacturing facilities, including food facilities, specific to controlling the spread of COVID-19 between workers.



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration have issued a joint statement regarding food export restrictions pertaining to COVID-19. The two agencies report that there is no evidence that people can contract COVID-19 from food packaging.

[Read the Full Press Release](#)

## **An Additional 400 Loudoun Small Business Receive \$5,000 Relief Grants**



On Tuesday afternoon, Loudoun County Economic Development completed the random selections for 400 COVID-19 Business Interruption Fund grants, totaling \$2 million.

The fund was created by the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors and the Loudoun Economic Development Authority in April, and dispersed \$1.4 million to 201 businesses in its first round. After the county received CARES Act funding in May, the fund was replenished with \$5.7 million, approximately \$3.7 million of which went to fully funding eligible applicants from the first round.

For this round, the Board of Supervisors focused on businesses that have between zero and two employees. This is the largest segment of businesses in Loudoun County, and includes solo entrepreneurs, family businesses, and larger operations that rely more on independent contractors than employees.

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## Update: Availability of LCPS Facilities

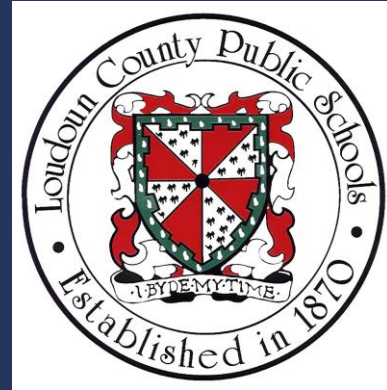
Guidance from public health officials continues to evolve as Virginia and Loudoun County prepare to move into Phase 3 of the Forward Virginia reopening plan on July 1, 2020. LCPS would like to update families on the availability of facilities and programming in the coming days.

Group gathering limitations for indoor and outdoor facility use in Phase 3 will increase on July 1 from a maximum of 50 people to a maximum of 250 people in one room or area.

Physical distancing is still required.

Please visit our [Community Use of School Facilities](#) page to view a chart illustrating the phases of reopening and to read the [Reopening Guidelines Phase 2](#) and [Reopening Guidelines Phase 3](#), effective July 1, 2020.

LCPS will continue to provide updates as the status of facilities changes.



## Virginia Department of Social Services Energy Assistance Program



If Virginians need help paying their energy bills, the Virginia Department of Social Services' (VDSS) energy assistance program is available with cooling assistance for senior citizens, those with children less than six years old, and those with disabilities.

***The application is available through August 17.***

In addition, VDSS is preparing a one-time COVID response energy system program in mid-July again using CARES Act funding to help those not typically eligible for energy assistance. The focus of that program will be to help pay-off energy debt that has accumulated during the pandemic to assist before the moratorium of service cut off ends on August 31.

VDSS will also issue one time supplemental payments that have previously received fuel or crisis assistance.

VDSS will issue more information on both of these programs next month.

[Learn More and Apply](#)

## LCPL Now Open with Limited Services

All Loudoun County Public Library locations are now open with limited capacity and services during the following hours:

- Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- The Law Library is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A mask is required to enter the library. If you do not have a mask or a face covering, one will be provided for you.

Contact-free Curbside Pickup remains available during operating hours.

[Learn More About Restrictions, What's Available, and Answers to FAQs](#)



## Loudoun Fire Officials Offer Critical Fireworks Safety Tips



To maintain social distancing and reduce the spread of COVID-19, many professional 4th of July fireworks displays have been cancelled or postponed. The Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System (LC-CFRS) reminds residents that consumer fireworks are NOT always a safe alternative.



Fireworks cause thousands of serious injuries every year and send adults and children to local emergency rooms. LC-CFRS challenges you and your family to find fun and creative ways to celebrate without the use of fireworks.

Remember that not everyone loves fireworks. Fireworks can disrupt those sleeping, scare pets, and can be traumatic for veterans. Be a good neighbor and be sensitive to others when choosing to discharge them.

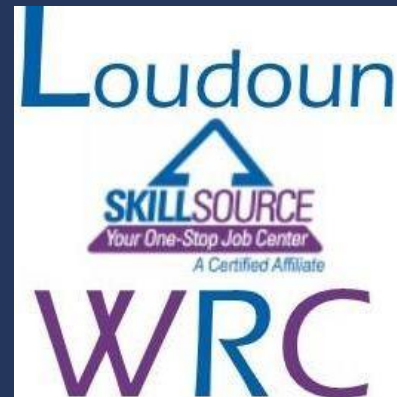
[More Tips](#)

## Get Career Help During COVID-19 from the Loudoun Workforce Resource Center

During this time of social distancing, the [Loudoun Workforce Resource Center](#) continues to help job seekers achieve their employment goals with virtual workshops. All the workshops are free to the public.

The July schedule of workshops includes:

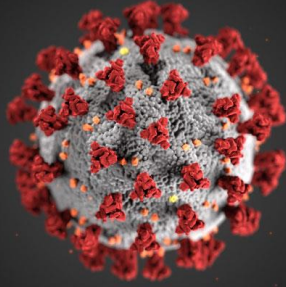
- Find a Career, Change a Career, My Next Move
- LinkedIn Profile Check Up
- SSA Ticket to Work Program
- Selling to the Commonwealth Certification
- Sharpen Your Networking Skills, Presented by AARP



[View Details and Register](#)

## Stay Informed!

Keeping with the Board of Supervisors' policy, regularly scheduled meetings of the Board's [advisory boards, commissions and committees](#) are canceled while Loudoun County Public Schools are closed. The county will provide updated information on meeting status as this rapidly evolving situation continues. For the most current schedule, please visit [loudoun.gov/calendar](http://loudoun.gov/calendar).



The county continues to encourage everyone in the community to take steps to limit the spread of COVID-19, which include:

- 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.

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## VIRGINIA

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).

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