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COVID-19 Update

COVID 19 NUMBERS	
VIRGINIA	LOUDOUN
67,988	4,319
6,625	286
1,937	99

Deadline for Return-to-School Preferences is July 15

Parents and Guardians, the deadline to select your return to school preference, for the fall is July 15th. For LCPS to plan effectively for the start of the 2020-21 school year, families are required to select one of

two options to indicate how each child will participate in school if LCPS begins the 2020-21 school year when Loudoun County is in Phase III. You may select from the following options:

- **Option 1:** Hybrid in-person and distance learning to indicate your child will physically attend school 2 days a week and participate remotely three days a week.
- **Option 2:** 100% Distance Learning to indicate your child will participate remotely five days a week.

Important Details:

- Please note that this is a binding choice for the first semester of the 2020-21 school year through January 15, 2021.
- Parents and guardians **MUST** indicate their choice for each of their children by **Wednesday, July 15 at 8 AM.**

If you have additional questions, please review the materials below or contact Dr. Eric Williams, at Eric.Williams@lcps.org

Document and Video Resources:

- [ParentVUE Return to School Selection](#) - step by step details on the process
- [ParentVUE: Getting Started](#) - learn how to activate your ParentVUE account
- [ParentVUE: Resetting Your Password](#) - steps to reset your password using the web or mobile app version of ParentVUE
- Scroll down to view the video tutorials for the web or mobile app versions of ParentVUE

[versión en español](#)



Commuter Bus Service to Resume July 13

Loudoun County Transit will resume Commuter Bus Service from Loudoun County to stops in and around Washington, D.C. on Monday, July 13, 2020. This follows Loudoun County's move into Phase Three of the "Forward Virginia" reopening plan, which gradually eases restrictions meant to slow the spread of COVID-19. The Commuter Bus routes and schedules are new and provide reduced service as follows:

- **Route 481:** Nine trips in the morning from Loudoun County to Washington, D.C.
- **Route 482:** Nine trips in the morning from Loudoun County to Rosslyn, the Pentagon and Crystal City.
- **Route 881:** Nine trips in the afternoon from Washington, D.C. to Loudoun County.
- **Route 882:** Nine trips in the afternoon from Crystal City, the Pentagon and Rosslyn to Loudoun County.
- All routes provide service to and from the Leesburg Park and Ride on Sycolin Road and the Dulles North Transit Center.
- There will be no service to the Navy Yard Metrorail Station, the Waterfront Metrorail Station, H Street and 9th Street.
- Routes will depart every 15 to 30 minutes.

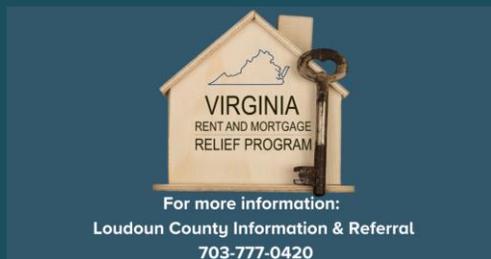
Loudoun County Transit has made service changes following the guidance of local, state and national health authorities to reduce the risk of COVID-19 exposure on its buses. These changes include face coverings and physical distancing requirements and more frequent bus cleanings. To allow for physical distancing on buses, seating capacity has been reduced to 50%. Commuter Bus Service passengers should be prepared to:

- Wear a face covering on the bus and while waiting at bus stops.

- When seated, remain six feet from other passengers who are not in their household.
- Ride for free through August 31, 2020.

To further reduce the risk of exposure, Loudoun County Transit recommends that bus riders follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases, such as avoiding close contact with people who are sick, staying home when you are sick, avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth, and properly washing your hands frequently.

Over the coming weeks, Loudoun County Transit will continue to monitor ridership and services for possible additional changes. Stay informed of any changes to bus service and access bus schedules at loudoun.gov/buschanges.



Loudoun to Administer Mortgage and Rent Relief Program

The Loudoun County government is working with Northern Virginia Family Service (NVFS) to administer the Virginia

Rent and Mortgage Relief Program (RMRP) for Loudoun County households experiencing financial instability due to COVID-19.

Governor Ralph Northam launched RMRP last week, which will provide \$50 million in federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding for Virginia households facing eviction or foreclosure due to COVID-19. RMRP will provide short-term financial assistance on behalf of households in the form of rent and mortgage payments. Loudoun County has received \$450,000, which will be administered by NVFS with support from Loudoun County's Information and Referral (I&R) program.

To be eligible, Loudoun County renters and homeowners must meet the following criteria:

- Have a valid lease in their name or other documentation confirming the landlord-tenant relationship, or a mortgage statement in their name;
- Have experienced a loss of income due to the coronavirus pandemic;
- Have a rent or mortgage amount that is at or below 150 percent Fair Market Rate (\$2,560.50 for a two-bedroom unit); and
- Have a gross household income at or below 80 percent of area median income (AMI) based on current month's income (\$79,600 for a household of four).

Applicants will be required to provide documentation showing proof of income as well as a valid lease or mortgage statement or other documentation confirming the landlord-tenant relationship. Financial assistance is a one-time payment with opportunity for renewal based on availability of funding and the household's need for additional assistance and continued eligibility.

For more information, please call Loudoun County's I&R program at 703-777-0420. This process requires a referral from I&R to NVFS. Once referred, NVFS will assist you in the application process.



County Promotes COVID-19 Testing Awareness

As COVID-19 continues to circulate in our community, it's important to know when, where and how to get tested. Testing helps to find people who are positive for COVID-19; those individuals can then take important steps to stop

the spread of COVID-19 to others in their homes and our community.

Slow the Spread of COVID-19: A Guide to Testing Locations

The Virginia Department of Health has published an online map that lists testing locations in Loudoun County and throughout Northern Virginia. If you need to be tested, [find COVID-19 testing sites online](#).

In addition, Loudoun County has published a four-page flyer to help you understand the steps involved in getting a COVID-19 test as well as find testing locations near you. Download, print, and share the guide with others.

- [English \(PDF\)](#)
- [Spanish \(PDF\)](#)

Types of Tests

- **Diagnostic testing** is the throat or mouth swab to test whether someone is infectious with a current COVID-19 infection.
- **Antibody testing** checks for antibodies, which can show if an individual had a past infection of the virus that causes COVID-19. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention does not know yet if having COVID-19 antibodies can protect someone from getting infected again or, if they do, how long this protection might last.

Who Should Get Tested

If you have COVID-19 symptoms, you should be tested. COVID-19 symptoms include fever or chills; cough; shortness of breath or difficulty breathing; fatigue; muscle or body aches; headache; new loss of taste or smell; sore throat; congestion or runny nose; nausea or vomiting; and diarrhea.

If you or someone you know has shortness of breath, pressure in the chest, confusion or inability to arouse, or bluish lips or face, call 911.

Anyone who has had significant exposure to someone who was confirmed to have COVID-19 should also get tested, even if they do not have COVID-19 symptoms.

You can use the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's self-checker](#) or the [Virginia Department of Health's COVIDCHECK](#) to help make decisions on when to call your doctor or seek appropriate medical care regarding COVID-19.

How to Get Tested

1. **Call your primary care provider** - Your doctor or health care provider will make an appointment for you to be screened in person or online. To protect others, do not visit your doctor or clinic without calling ahead first.
2. **If you don't have a primary care provider or if you don't have insurance**, there are still options for testing. [Search online](#) or contact one of the providers listed in the Loudoun County COVID-19 Testing Guide: [English \(PDF\)](#) | [Spanish \(PDF\)](#)



Fire and Rescue Awarded Federal Grant

Loudoun County Fire and Rescue is pleased to announce that the Department has been awarded \$253,551.82 in Federal funding through the FY 2020 Assistance to

Firefighters Grant Program – COVID 19 Supplemental Program. The funding is part of the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act through the FEMA Assistance for Firefighters Grant Program (AFGP).

The purpose of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program - COVID-19 Supplemental is to provide funds to public safety agencies for the purchase of personal protective equipment (PPE) and related supplies, including reimbursements, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

Loudoun County Fire and Rescue will utilize these grant funds to purchase additional equipment and PPE supplies as outlined below:

- Portable aerosolizing decontamination systems that will be used to disinfect rooms, vehicles, and equipment with an EPA-approved, hospital-grade disinfectant. For instance, the devices will be used to protect first responders by disinfecting ambulances after transportation of confirmed or suspected COVID-19 cases.
- Half-facepiece respirators with cartridges will be purchased for each Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System (LC-CFRS) operational member. The facepieces may be disinfected after each use, provide coverage for front-line emergency personnel during periods where disposable N95 and related respiratory protection equipment is not available.
- Individual PPE kits will be purchased for each LC-CFRS operational member that will carry personal protective equipment to aid in the protection against COVID-19 and other communicable diseases.



Youth Sports Recommendations

With some youth sports starting up again, the CDC urges kids, coaches and parents to follow some important tips to protect

everyone from COVID-19:

- Stay home if sick.
- Players should bring their own equipment, like gloves and bats, if possible.
- Reduce physical closeness and keep 6 feet of space between players when possible.
- Coaches and spectators should wear a cloth face covering, and decide if players need to wear cloth face coverings.
- Players should clean their hands before and after practices, games, and sharing equipment.
- Learn more from this [CDC YouTube video](#).
- Review the [Youth Sports Program FAQs](#) and [Considerations for Youth Sports](#).

We've been getting a lot of questions regarding COVID-19 antibody tests. Below is a video that can help you decide if getting one is necessary.



Please share any messages of hope you see. Submissions may be sent to Zachary Harris at zachary.harris@loudoun.gov and we'll share them in our updates and newsletter.





If you are having trouble paying your utilities because of COVID-19, visit the County's webpage on [COVID-19 Utilities](#). You will find program information on:

Columbia Gas
Dominion Power
Loudoun Water
NOVEC
Washington Gas
Wi-fi Connectivity

For More Current COVID-19 Information

Visit: www.loudoun.gov/CoronaVirus

Call: (703) 737-8300

Email: Health@Loudoun.gov

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