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Newsletter



Hello, Loudoun

Earlier today, the Board of Supervisors held a press conference to update the public about a number of actions that the County has taken to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 in Loudoun.

With three “presumptive positive” cases of coronavirus confirmed in Loudoun, we are taking steps to mitigate the impact of COVID-19, especially on the high-risk population of those who are 60 years of age or older.

At this time, there is no evidence of what’s called “community transmission” of COVID-19 in Loudoun based on the three positive cases to-date. However, we can anticipate that more cases of COVID-19 will be identified in our community. Therefore, the County will begin implementing a number of mitigation activities in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) guidance.

As of today, the changes in the County’s programs and services generally exceed the recommendations of federal and state health officials based on the level of transmission we have seen in our community. We believe these steps are prudent at this time and will help to protect the vulnerable members of our community.

The County’s department directors are developing and implementing an emergency staffing plan to limit the number of employees required to report to their physical work locations.

All activities and programs at **Loudoun County Senior Centers** are cancelled, except for the congregate meals program, which is the most critical need for our older adult community.

- The Senior Centers will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to accommodate the meals program.

- The County will be using social distancing measures for high risk populations as well as standard infection prevention steps, such as disinfecting high-touch surfaces.
- The County will also provide meal delivery for older adults who wish to obtain meals, but are not comfortable coming to the centers.

Programs that are held at our **Recreation and Community Centers** will be limited to only those that enable social distancing measures to be implemented. No contact activities will not be allowed. Any programs specifically for older adults are canceled. In addition, the frequency of scheduled cleaning and disinfecting at these facilities has been increased.

The Library Board of Trustees has decided to SUSPEND ALL PROGRAMS at all **Loudoun County Public Library** branches starting Monday, March 16 through Sunday, March 29, 2020. Libraries will remain open during their normal business hours. 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 is closed.

All after-school programs, including **County After School Activities** (CASA) are canceled while the Loudoun County Public Schools are closed.

In keeping with our policy, regularly scheduled meetings of the Board of Supervisors' **Advisory Boards, Commissions and Committees** are canceled while Loudoun County Public Schools are closed.

Paratransit Bus Service will continue to operate; however, we have provided our staff and contractors who operate this transportation service with guidance on social distancing measures that are similar to those provided to first responders. The same guidance will be provided to our staff and contractors in our **Human Services agencies** who provide mental health and social services to clients in the field.

The County strongly encourages any **Special Events** organizers and **faith communities** to follow CDC and VDH guidance for gatherings of people. The County continues to provide this information to organizers of private events through the Loudoun County Special Events Coordinator.

The County has suspended all **non-essential travel for employees** through April 1st, such as for conferences and optional training.

There will be no change to programs or services provide in our **Adult Day Centers** at this time. This program serves a vulnerable population and these centers have regular measures in place to assess visitors before they enter a facility.

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.

I encourage you to stay informed about the evolving situation with COVID-19. You can:

- Visit loudoun.gov/coronavirus to sign up for email and text updates on COVID-19.
- Text "**LCCOVID19**" to 888777 to receive text alerts from Loudoun County about COVID-19.

[Visit the Coronavirus Website](#)

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