

All About Algonkian



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COVID-19 UPDATE

Loudoun County Announces Additional Transit System Reductions Beginning April 2

Due to ridership declines as a result of the ongoing efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19 and the governor's directives for Virginians to stay home, Loudoun County Transit is making the following changes to the Local Fixed Route Service:

- **Route 72**, providing service from Wiehle-Reston East Metrorail station to George Washington University, One Loudoun and the Ashburn North Park and Ride lot, will reduce the number of buses on the route from three buses operating 15-30 minutes apart to one bus operating 60 minutes between trips.
- **Routes 990 and 992**, providing service from Wiehle-Reston East Metrorail station to employment sites in Loudoun County on Loudoun County Parkway and Pacific Boulevard, will suspend operations until further notice.
- **Routes 993 and 994**, providing service from Wiehle-Reston East Metrorail station to and from the Loudoun County Government Center, will suspend operations until further notice.

Although Loudoun County Transit continues to be available to serve Loudoun County residents who have no alternate way to travel during the COVID-19 pandemic, passengers are reminded that the most effective way to prevent the spread of illnesses is to follow the recommendations from public health officials. If

you are not feeling well or have symptoms of illness, please stay home and avoid taking public transportation.

Over the coming weeks, Loudoun County Transit will continue to monitor ridership and services for possible additional changes. Stay up to date about any service changes or modified schedules at loudoun.gov/buschanges.

Metro continues to operate significantly reduced rail and bus service this week, which provides connectivity throughout the region for essential trips, but with sharply reduced train and bus frequencies. Essential travel includes medical providers and hospital staff, first responders, critical government functions, individuals involved in helping the community respond to COVID-19, grocery and pharmacy trips, among others.



April 1, 2020, is Census Day: Residents Encouraged to Respond to Census Now; Join Chair Randall on Facebook Live Thursday, April 2

April 1, 2020, is designated Census Day, a day that determines who is counted and a day when residents are encouraged to take ten minutes to complete the 2020 census questionnaire if they haven't done so already.

To minimize the need for the U.S. Census Bureau to send census takers out into communities to follow up, residents are encouraged to complete the census online, by phone, or by mail. Online and phone responses can be completed in 13 languages (English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean, Russian, Arabic, Tagalog, Polish, French, Haitian Creole, Portuguese, and Japanese).

- **Online:** Residents should have by now received mail with instructions and a code to respond online. Residents can also access the census at www.2020Census.gov.
- **By phone:** Residents may provide their census responses over the phone.
- **By mail:** Households will receive a paper form in the mail in April if a response has not been recorded.

Chair Randall will speak to the community about the 2020 census during a Facebook Live event on Thursday, April 2, 2020, at 3:00 p.m. You can on the county's official Facebook page, facebook.com/LoudounCountyVa. There will be a Q & A following her remarks.



FARMERS MARKETS

Economic Development will be launching a virtual farmers market called "[Loudoun Made, Loudoun Grown Marketplace](#)" an e-commerce platform that offers a one-stop-shop for consumers to support local farms. The marketplace will go live as soon as there are at least 10 confirmed participating farms.

It will be free for all Loudoun farms to participate.

STRESS AND COPING

The outbreak of COVID-19 may be stressful and overwhelming for some. Consider these resources for information for yourself and your family:

- [Coping with Stress During COVID-19 Outbreak](#)
 - [Helping Children Cope with Stress During COVID-19](#)
 - If you are experiencing a behavioral health crisis, Emergency Services are available 24 hours daily, seven days per week at 703-777-0320.
 - For general information questions, email asktheMHSADSdirector@loudoun.gov or call 703-771-5155.
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WI-FI CONNECTIVITY

Internet service providers are offering the following:

Comcast is offering the [Essential Internet package](#) for 60 days
AT&T, T-Mobile, and Sprint have removed data limits for cellular customers
<https://about.att.com/pages/COVID-19.html>
<https://www.t-mobile.com/news/t-mobile-update-on-covid-19-response>
<https://newsroom.sprint.com/covid-19-updates-sprint-responds.htm>
Verizon offers [unlimited data on hotspots and cell phones](#)

WHERE TO GO FOR UPDATES, NEWS, AND INFORMATION

View past and current news conferences televised live on Comcast Government Channel 23, Open Band Channel 40 and Verizon FiOS Channel 40, in addition to being live-streamed at loudoun.gov/webcast.

News releases from the Virginia Governor's Office regarding statewide COVID-19 information, updates, measures, and responses can be [found here](#).

Loudoun County website at loudoun.gov/coronavirus which also includes a link to sign up for updates

Text LCCOVID19 to 888777 receive text alerts from Loudoun County

County News Releases through [Alert Loudoun](#)

[Mobile Hope: Listen for the Honk Bus Schedule](#)

[Loudoun County Government - Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

[Loudoun County Government - Pandemic Preparedness in Loudoun County](#)

[Loudoun County Public Schools \(LCPS\) – Preparedness at LCPS](#)

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)

[Virginia Department of Health \(VDH\)](#)

For Current COVID-19 Information

Visit: www.loudoun.gov/CoronaVirus

Call: (703) 737-8300

Email: Health@Loudoun.gov

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