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COVID-19 Update

COVID 19 NUMBERS

VIRGINIA	LOUDOUN
46,239	2,636
4,770	165
1,407	67

Governor's Update

Governor Ralph Northam announced that public health data indicates that most of Virginia will be able to move into Phase 2 of reopening on June 5. This will not include Northern Virginia and the City of Richmond as those regions entered Phase 1 at a later date than the rest of

the Commonwealth.

Under Phase 1 of the Forward Virginia reopening plan, restaurants, food courts, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, cideries and wineries have the option to operate with outdoor seating if they have a permit from the Virginia Department of Health and Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority (Virginia ABC) for the sale of alcohol. To obtain approval for added or expanded outdoor seating from the Virginia ABC, the establishments must show that Loudoun County has approved the seating area.

To obtain written approval from Loudoun County for adding or expanding outdoor seating, establishments must submit an application for a Temporary Outdoor Seating Permit and include a sketch of the area to be used, including any changes to the parking lot as a result of the added or expanded outdoor seating area. There is no fee for this application. The temporary permits will expire on the expiration of restrictions on indoor occupancy in the Governor's Executive Orders or the Board of Supervisors rescinding the County's Declaration of Emergency due to COVID-19, whichever comes first.

As of June 1, 2020, a total of 11 Temporary Outdoor Seating Permits have been issued for the following establishments:

- Anita's New Mexico Style Mexican Food
- Ashburn Pub
- Buffalo Wing Factory-Sterling
- Buffalo Wing Factory-Ashburn
- Parallel Wine, LLO
- The All American Steak House
- Wicket Door Pub
- West End Wine Bar and Pub
- Sweetwater Tavern LTC, LLC
- Crooked Run
- Solace brewery

More information, including application requirements and a link to the Temporary Outdoor Seating Permit application, is online at www.loudoun.gov/outdoorseating

Phase 2 includes greater flexibility for restaurants, gyms, and recreational sports. Gatherings will be increased to allow up to 50 people while indoor seating at restaurants is capped at 50 percent of capacity. Gyms and fitness centers are permitted to host indoor classes and workouts at 30 percent capacity. Recreational sports will be allowed with physical distancing requirements and no shared equipment. Teleworking is strongly encouraged during Phase 2 and face masks will still be required in indoor spaces. Governor Northam stated that more details will be made available on Thursday but you can find more details at the [Forward Virginia](http://ForwardVirginia.com) website.

If individuals plan to attend any peaceful demonstrations, Governor Northam stressed the importance of practicing social distancing and wearing a face mask.



Loudoun County Public Library Launches Curbside Pickup Service

Loudoun County Public Library has launched a Curbside Pickup service. The contactless service allows customers to pick up items they have placed on hold outside at their local branch. Customers will receive notifications by email, text or phone once their items are available. All patrons are strongly encouraged to call their branch to arrange a pickup time.

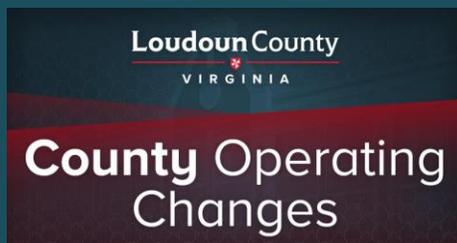
With the exception of the Law Library, Curbside Pickup will operate at all LCPL branches Monday through Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Customers are welcome to return their previously checked out materials during Curbside Pickup hours. All returned materials will be quarantined for a minimum of 72 hours, so customers should expect at least a four-day delay before their accounts show their materials have been returned.

LCPL does not impose late fees, so customers will not incur any charges or have their accounts blocked during this period. All pickups and returns will take place outside of the library since branches remain closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

While the pickup process will be slightly different at each branch due to the varying physical layouts, the basic steps are as follows:

- [Sign up for a library card](#) or reserve items at catalog.library.loudoun.gov. Customers may also reserve materials by calling their local branch.
- Wait for notification by phone, email or text.
- Call your branch to arrange a pickup time.
- After arriving, call the posted phone number to get instructions on how retrieve your items while following social distancing guidelines.

For complete information, visit library.loudoun.gov/curbside.



Loudoun PRCS Athletic Fields Available for Limited Use; County Postpones Licensed Summer Camp Start

As Loudoun County enters [Phase One of the Forward Virginia reopening plan](#), the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) is outlining a process for a limited use of the county's athletic fields by the public. At the same time, PRCS is postponing the start of licensed, weekly summer camp until July 6, 2020, or later. Families registered in camp FEST and DAZE camp sessions scheduled to run before July 6 will receive a refund. Refund notices will be emailed directly to registered households starting the week of June 1, 2020.

What's Open in Phase One

- Athletic fields at Loudoun County park sites will be available for use by permit on a limited basis beginning June 5, 2020, for conditioning drills. No competition or games will be allowed. No more than ten people can gather at once. PRCS will designate time slots for affiliated teams through an

allocation process. Teams or leagues must request a field allocation by 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, June 2, via email to prcs@loudoun.gov.

- County parks are open for trail and leisure use, including fishing and water activities.
- Tennis and pickleball courts are open with no more than four people allowed on a court at one time.

Visitors to any PRCS sites are expected to follow social distancing measures to help slow the spread of COVID-19.

What's Closed

- PRCS recreation, community and senior centers are currently closed and programs canceled.
- Basketball courts, volleyball courts and playgrounds remain closed
- Pavilions remain closed
- A reminder that many athletic fields used by local teams are operated by Loudoun County Public Schools and they remain closed at this time.

Virtual activities can be found at loudoun.gov/prcscreatingcommunity and on PRCS center and on PRCS center and park Facebook pages. For more information, [email PRCS](mailto:prcs@loudoun.gov).



Face Coverings Required in Loudoun County Government Buildings

Anyone who is entering, exiting, traveling through, and spending time in a Loudoun

County government facility will be required to wear a face covering to help slow the spread of the novel coronavirus. Earlier this week, Governor Ralph Northam issued [Executive Order Sixty-Three](#), which requires Virginians to wear face coverings in public indoor settings, including local government buildings, as described by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

[View Frequently Asked Questions regarding Executive Order 63 \(PDF\)](#)

Loudoun County requests that anyone visiting a county facility or riding Loudoun County Transit buses voluntarily comply with the governor's order. Disposable face coverings will be available to the public if one is needed.

Loudoun County—along with the rest of Northern Virginia—will enter Phase 1 of the [Forward Virginia](#) plan on May 29. This milestone will have a minimal impact on current county operation. At this time public access to many Loudoun County government buildings is restricted as part of the county's response to the COVID-

19 pandemic and service delivery has been adjusted accordingly. The county's website includes information about the [operational status of county government departments](#) as well as information about [accessing county services from a distance](#).

Phase 1 of the plan is expected to last approximately two weeks. Any changes to county services in Phase 2 of Virginia's reopening plan will be announced. For additional information about the impact of Phase 1 on the greater community, visit loudoun.gov/reopening.

Health officials say cloth face coverings help to slow the spread of COVID-19 and help people who may have the virus and don't know it from transmitting it to others. The use of face coverings does not replace the need to maintain a distance of at least six feet from others in public places, along with other precautions such as frequent handwashing and staying home if sick. Learn more about the [use of face coverings](#).



Practicing Your Faith and Staying Safe

Members of faith communities in Loudoun will find many of their traditions and practices dramatically changed as they resume in-person worship. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the experience of going to church, the synagogue or the mosque will be distinctly different from what it was prior to the

outbreak of the novel coronavirus.

Here's what you should expect as you return to religious services during Phase 1 of the Forward Virginia Plan:

- **There will be fewer people in the congregation.** Occupancy is limited to no more than half of the lowest "occupancy load," or number of people allowed, on the occupancy certificate of the room or facility in which the religious services are conducted.
- **Physical distancing will continue to be practiced.** Congregants will be seated six feet apart, except family members, as defined in [Executive Order 61](#), who may be seated together. There will be no physical greetings such as handshakes or hugs.
- **People attending indoor religious services will be required to wear face coverings.** [Executive Order 63](#) requires people to wear face coverings in public indoor settings in Virginia to help contain the spread of the novel coronavirus.

- **There will be no passing of items between those who are not family members.** There also might not be prayer books or hymnals in the pews. Health officials are discouraging the use of common items that are difficult to clean.
- **Religious services may be provided in alternate formats.** The faith community is considering alternations to their routines that promote safety and enable people to participate. Changes may include dedicated services for special populations, online and drive-up services, and limits on the musical aspects of services because singing has been noted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as a concern for spreading the novel coronavirus.

As you consider returning to religious services, contact your house of worship for specific details about how it will safely provide services during this next phase of the pandemic.

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

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Call: (703) 737-8300

Email: Health@Loudoun.gov

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