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COVID-19 Update

COVID 19 NUMBERS

VIRGINIA	LOUDOUN
 58,994	 3,632
 5,913	 255
 1,645	 84

Governor's Updates

In today's press briefing, Governor Ralph Northam announced that Virginia will enter Phase Three of reopening on July 1 unless localities request a delay from the Governor. In Phase Three, the Commonwealth will maintain a Safer at Home strategy with continued

recommendations for social distancing and teleworking, and the requirement that individuals wear face coverings in indoor public settings. The maximum number of individuals allowed in social gatherings will increase from 50 to 250 people. All businesses should continue to follow physical distancing guidelines, frequently clean and sanitize high contact surfaces, and keep enhanced workplace safety measures in place.

Restaurant and beverage establishments are required to maintain six feet of distance between tables, fitness centers may open indoor areas at 75 percent occupancy, and recreation and entertainment venues at may operate at 50 percent occupancy, or a maximum of 1,000 persons. Swimming pools may also expand operations to free swim in addition to indoor and outdoor exercise, diving, and swim instruction. Overnight summer camps will remain closed in Phase Three.

Phase Three guidelines for specific sectors can be found [here](#). Phase Two guidelines are available [here](#). Visit virginia.gov/coronavirus/forwardvirginia for more information and answers to frequently asked questions. Read the Phase Three guidelines in Spanish [here](#).

Governor Ralph Northam also announced new guidelines and testing requirements for reopening long-term care facilities, and outlined how the Commonwealth will direct \$246 million, primarily from federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding, to support long-term care facilities in their response to COVID-19. In addition, the Governor is directing the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) to make public facility-specific data regarding COVID-19 cases and deaths associated with long-term care facilities.

This additional funding includes \$152 million from the Provider Relief Fund that long-term care facilities have received for COVID-related expenses. While assisted living facilities have not benefited from this fund thus far, there is a growing recognition on Capitol Hill that these facilities should receive federal funding to offset their costs. Assisted living facilities will receive \$20 million in support, nearly doubling state funding for these facilities, in recognition that these facilities are also experiencing additional costs and have not had the federal support that nursing facilities have received.

On May 18, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) outlined reopening criteria for nursing facilities. These criteria include a recommendation that all facilities conduct a baseline testing survey, and that facilities with outbreaks test residents and staff weekly. VDH's state-specific guidelines for nursing home reopening require licensed nursing homes, certified skilled nursing facilities (SNFs), and certified nursing facilities (NFs) to conduct baseline and ongoing testing of all facility staff and residents while those facilities are in the first phase of the reopening process. Testing recommendations for latter phases of the reopening process are under development and will be informed by what is learned in the initial part of reopening.

Lastly, the Virginia Tourism Corporation will award up to \$500,000 in marketing funds to address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on tourism. New recovery marketing funds are available to destination marketing organizations (DMO) across the Commonwealth that have been heavily impacted by the novel coronavirus pandemic. The WanderLOVE Recovery Grant Program, which is administered by the Virginia Tourism Corporation (VTC), will provide up to 50 grants to DMOs of up to \$10,000 each.

Applications for the DMO WanderLOVE Recovery Grant Program will close on July 2, 2020. Awardees will be announced by July 15, 2020. Grants are open to any of Virginia's 114 recognized DMOs. Funds must be used for recovery marketing and may be used for participating in the VTC co-ops, local advertising, out-of-state marketing, and other allowable items. DMOs may apply for DMO Recovery Grants [here](#).

Household Hazardous Waste Event

June 27, 2020
8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Freedom High School
25450 Riding Center Dr.
South Riding

loudoun.gov/hhw



Household Hazardous Waste Event to be Held on June 27

The next Loudoun County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection event is scheduled for Saturday, June 27, 2020, at Freedom High

School, 25450 Riding Center Drive, South Riding, VA 20152, from 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

What's Accepted:

- Loudoun residents are welcome to bring HHW from their homes to the event, free of charge. Typical HHW includes: fluorescent light bulbs, dry-cell batteries (alkaline, Ni-Cad, Lithium, rechargeable, etc), oil-based paint/stain/varnish, paint thinner, mineral spirits, metal polish, rust remover, wood strippers and preservatives, furniture polish, waxes, sealants and solvents, bleach, pesticides, insecticides, herbicides, fertilizer, pool chemicals, muriatic acid, sulfuric acid, ammonia, mercury, mercury thermometers and thermostats, gasoline, expired fuel, auto cleaners and flushes, brake and transmission fluid, windshield washer fluid, fire extinguishers, moth balls, flea and tick products, photographic chemicals and other hobby chemicals.
- Anyone who has an item that is not on this list is encouraged to call the county's Waste Management Division at 703-771-5500 to see if the item can be accepted or if an alternate disposal option is needed.

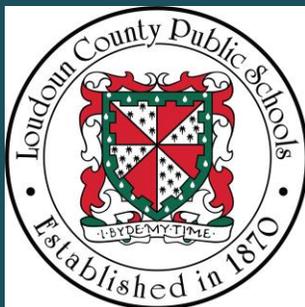
Social Distancing and Other Procedures:

- The HHW events include social distancing measures that help mitigate the spread of COVID-19. In accordance with Governor Northam's [Executive Order 63](#), members of the public will be required to wear face coverings at the point of service. Because of safety concerns related to various types of hazardous materials, the events feature a drive-through process in which residents are instructed to remain in their vehicles and allow event staff to unload any items accepted for disposal. In order to achieve adequate social distancing between event staff and customers, items must be placed in the rear of the vehicle, such as the trunk of a car, the bed of a pickup truck or the very back of an SUV. Items will not be accepted if in the front seat, back seat or if the driver attempts to hand an item to staff. In addition, in order to ensure everyone remains in their vehicle while at the point of service, items must not be in plastic bags. Staff are not allowed to open any plastic bag containing HHW.

- The limit per household is 15 gallons of liquid HHW (container size not to exceed 5-gallon), and 40 pounds of solid HHW (container size not to exceed 5-gallon).
- Participants should be able to provide proof of Loudoun County residency such as a driver's license or utility bill.

What's Not Accepted:

- Motor oil, antifreeze, automobile batteries, propane tanks, helium tanks, CO2 tanks/cartridges, drywall compound and oil-based space heaters are not accepted at HHW collection events. These materials are accepted at the Loudoun County Solid Waste Management Facility, 21101 Evergreen Mills Road, Leesburg. Visit loudoun.gov/landfill for more information.
- Ammunition, explosives, fireworks, and gun powder are not accepted at the HHW collection events. For information about disposal of these items, contact the [Loudoun County Fire Marshal's Office](http://loudoun.gov/fire) at 703-737-8600.
- Electronics are not accepted at the HHW collection events. Information on how to properly dispose of unwanted electronics is online at loudoun.gov/electronics.
- Medical waste and medications are not accepted at HHW collection events. Disposal information is available at loudoun.gov/hhw.



Message from LCPS Superintendent Dr. Eric Williams

Loudoun County Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Eric Williams released a letter last week about the County's efforts to reopen schools this fall. You can read the full text of the letter by [clicking here](#).

The preference of LCPS is for 100% in-person learning, as long as the learning experiences can be conducted safely and in accordance with the requirements and recommendations of state and public health officials. The Governor set forth guidance on Tuesday, June 9 for LCPS and other Virginia school divisions for the 2020-2021 school year via the release of the [Phase Guidance for Virginia Schools](#). While the document clearly states that it contains "recommendations" for local school divisions to consider in their planning, it also states that "these recommendations should be implemented in accordance with the [Forward Virginia Blueprint](#), any existing Executive Orders, [CDC Interim Guidance for Schools and Daycamps](#), and [CDC Considerations for Schools](#)."



What to do if People are not Wearing Face Coverings

For your own safety, do not confront these people or start an argument. Try to stay six feet away from people who are not wearing face coverings. You may also call or talk to the business owner about your concerns if you see staff or customers who are not wearing face covers in indoor public settings. To file an online complaint about [Executive Order 63 \(Face Coverings\)](#) and [Executive Order 65 \(Phase Two easing of certain restrictions\)](#) related only to cloth face coverings and capacity requirements, use this [online reporting form](#).



Get Out and Get Fit

The Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services invites you to "get out and get fit!" Outdoor fitness training and group exercise classes are now available at Dulles South and Claude Moore Recreation Centers. Class descriptions and registration can be found at loudoun.gov/webtrac.

- Claude Moore Recreation and Community Center is located at 46105 Loudoun Park Lane in Sterling. [View the CMRCC outdoor fitness schedule online](#) or call 571-258-3600 for more information.
 - Dulles South Recreation and Community Center is located at 24950 Riding Center Drive in South Riding. [View the DSRCC outdoor fitness schedule online](#) or call 571-258-3456 for more information.
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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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