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COVID-19 Update

Note: Moving forward, Governor Ralph Northam's COVID-19 briefings will be conducted on an ad hoc basis. To coincide with these changes, our COVID-19 Updates will be issued weekly.

COVID 19 NUMBERS	
VIRGINIA	LOUDOUN
 63,735	 4,083
 6,333	 278
 1,816	 89

Dear Neighbors,

As we all struggle with our changing personal, professional and academic landscapes during the COVID-19 pandemic, many of you have contacted the Board of Supervisors to express your concerns about the upcoming Loudoun County Public Schools' academic year. I thought it

important for me to respond, acknowledge your concerns, and clarify the role a Supervisor has in this unfortunate scenario.

I also have teenagers attending Loudoun County Public schools, one of which will be a senior next year at Dominion High School. As any LCPS family, we are heartbroken, frustrated and somewhat fearful about what the 2020-2021 school year may bring or not bring. Nobody wants this disruption to continue as we understand the stress it causes our children, the potential financial and mental burden on parents and the untenable situation in which it places those who do not have a safe home environment and rely on the schools for respite and haven.

I want you to know that I am in regular contact with my counterpart on the LCPS School Board, [Atoosa Reaser](#) and share your concerns with her regularly while we

brainstorm ways to make it better. We both appreciate your feedback and want you to continue to let us know your ideas and solutions.

Additionally, please keep in mind that the LCPS Superintendent Eric Williams, makes decisions related to the operation of the schools (i.e. school closures, emergency operations, bell schedules, implementation of plans etc.) with the School Board in an oversight role. While the Board of Supervisors has the responsibility to “fund” the school budget, we have no authority to make decisions about when or how schools will open, close or operate in general. Thus, I would encourage those who want to engage to bring concerns directly to Dr. Williams or your local school board representative. In Algonkian, in addition to Vice Chair Reaser, you are represented by the At-large Member Denise Corbo.

As with all school board members, and I'm sure Dr. Williams, I would love nothing more than to have a school year with 100% in person attendance. I remember fondly the important milestones of high school and senior year and it pains me to see our students miss all of this. Having watched my children grow and learn through the LCPS system, I also understand how important the social aspect of a public education can be for the students and the family as a whole. However, I do not believe my daughter having a “normal” senior year, or my son's sophomore year, is more important than the safety and well-being of our teachers, staff and the community as a whole. I will continue to support Vice Chair Reaser and Superintendent Dr. Williams as they follow the Virginia Department of Health and Centers for Disease Control guidelines and trust them to make the appropriate decisions we have elected and hired them to make.



Governor Northam Prohibits Congregating in Bars

Governor Ralph Northam announced that bar seating will remain prohibited in restaurants as the Commonwealth moves into Phase Three at midnight tonight. While key health indicators in Virginia are improving, the Governor made clear that he is taking a cautious approach and is prepared to implement tighter restrictions if needed.

To reduce the likelihood of patrons gathering in bar areas without observing social distancing guidelines, bar seating and congregating areas of restaurants will remain closed except for those passing through. Restaurants may use non-bar seating in the bar area, as long as a minimum of six feet between tables is provided.

Virginia is currently averaging more than 10,400 tests per day—exceeding Governor Northam's goal—and hospitals continue to report ample supplies of

personal protective equipment. The percentage of positive tests has dropped to six percent from a high of 20 percent in mid-April. The number of Virginians hospitalized with a positive or pending COVID-19 test has declined significantly over the past several weeks, and more than 1,200 contact tracers are presently working throughout the Commonwealth.

Despite these positive trends, Governor Northam is monitoring increases in several states, and taking proactive steps to limit the spread of COVID-19 in Virginia. Governor Northam also continues to remind Virginians that they are safer at home, especially if they are high-risk or vulnerable. All Virginians must continue to comply with the statewide face covering requirement in indoor public spaces, and Virginians are strongly encouraged to:

- Continue teleworking if possible
- Wash hands regularly
- Maintain six feet of physical distance when outside of home
- Get tested immediately if you have COVID-19 symptoms

Executive Order Sixty-Seven and Order of Public Health Emergency Seven is available [here](#). Read the order in Spanish [here](#). Sector-specific guidelines for Phase Three can be found [here](#). View this document in Spanish [here](#).



PRCS to Host Drive-In Movies

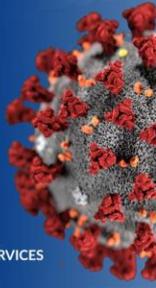
The Loudoun County Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) will mark National Park & Recreation Month by hosting a series of three popup, drive-in movie events in July. Movies will be shown in the parking lot at Segra Field, 42095 Loudoun United Drive, Leesburg, Virginia 20175. Movie titles and ticket sales will be available one to

two weeks before each event, beginning July 6, 2020. For more information, visit loudoun.gov/driveinmovies or email prcs@loudoun.gov.

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RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES



PRCS Provides Phase Three Updates

As Loudoun County enters Phase Three of the Forward Virginia reopening plan, the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services (PRCS) announces plans to reopen the Franklin Park Performing and Visual Arts Center and leisure pools. Adult day centers will remain

closed under Phase Three.

Most PRCS facilities opened June 22 under Phase Two, with athletic fields and outdoor pools opening earlier. All PRCS programs are being modified in accordance with Phase Three guidelines, including enhanced cleaning and physical distancing of 10 feet during recreational activities.

What's Open in Phase Three

- Child care services are open at select community and recreation centers.
- All aquatic, community and recreation and centers are open. Attendance is limited to accommodate physical distancing guidelines, including up to 10 feet during recreational use, in each designated area/room. Indoor pools are open for lap and recreational swim. Time-slot reservations are required at recreation and aquatic centers for pool and fitness area use.
- Senior centers are open only for drive-thru congregate meal service for current participants with reservations.
- Franklin Performing and Visual Arts Center is open with modified programming and attendance.
- Summer programs are open. Details and registration can be found at loudoun.gov/webtrac.
- Athletic fields at PRCS park sites and LCPS school sites are open for permitted use by affiliated leagues. Baseball, basketball, cricket, field hockey, lacrosse, soccer and softball can include drills, practices and games. All other sports are limited to conditioning drills. Physical distancing of 10 feet should be maintained among instructors, participants and spectators during all indoor and outdoor recreational sports where practical. The total number of attendees (including both participants and spectators) of recreational sports cannot exceed the lesser of 50% of the occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy (where applicable) or 250 persons. Attendees are limited to 250 for sports played on a field.
- Basketball, tennis and pickleball courts, inline hockey rinks and Dulles Skate Park are open at 50% of minimum occupancy.
- County parks are open for outdoor recreational and leisure use, with physical distancing and 250 or fewer people at each amenity/designated area.
- Pavilions are open at 75% occupancy or 250 people, whichever is less.
- Playgrounds are open.

- Outdoor pools are open for lap and recreational swimming and exercise at 75% of minimum occupancy or 250 people, whichever is less or necessary to maintain require social distancing. Time-slot reservations are required.
- Visitors to all PRCS sites are expected to follow physical distancing and other measures to help slow the spread of COVID-19.

What's Closed

- Adult Day Centers
- Franklin Park Pool splash pad and play features (slide, dump buckets, etc.)
- Indoor leisure pool play features (slide, vortex, hot tub, etc.)
- Climbing walls

Complete details on Phase Three reopening plans can be found on the [PRCS Closures and Operating Status page](#).



Metro Connection Bus Routes to Resume July 6

Loudoun County Transit will resume service for Metro Connection Bus Routes 990 and 992 on Monday, July 6, 2020. This comes as Loudoun County moves into Phase Three of the "Forward Virginia" reopening plan, which gradually eases restrictions meant to slow the spread of COVID-19. Customers are advised of the following schedule changes:

- Route 990 – Morning service from Wiehle-Reston East Metro Station to Loudoun County has been reduced from seven to four trips.
- Route 992 – Afternoon service from Loudoun County to Wiehle-Reston East Metro Station has been reduced from seven to four trips.

Loudoun County Transit has made operational 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 compliance with face covering and physical distancing requirements, and additional bus cleaning procedures. Loudoun Transit bus service customers should be prepared to:

- Wear a face covering on the bus and while waiting at bus stops.
- When seated or standing, remain six feet from other passengers who are not in your household.
- Ride for free until August 31, 2020, on all Loudoun Transit buses.

To further reduce the risk of exposure, Loudoun County encourages bus riders to 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 the latest bus service change information and access schedules at loudoun.gov/buschanges.



George Mason Offers Free COVID-19 Class

UNIV 391: COVID-19 and the Mason Impact is a free, one-credit course being offered during July's Summer Session C that runs from July 6 to Aug. 5. The course, which will be graded satisfactory/no credit, will feature a different Mason faculty or staff member for each class, each of whom will highlight an aspect of COVID-19 that has intersected with their particular scholarly work to help provide a better understanding of the pandemic. Each virtual presentation will be followed with a Q&A between faculty and students. The recorded presentations will be made available to the general public via You Tube after the live session is completed.

Not currently a Mason student but want to enroll in UNIV 391? Apply as a Non-Degree student here, then, once admitted, follow the registration guide instructions to register.

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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