



COVID-19 UPDATES
~JULY 8, 2020~

Virginia Employment Commission Launches Application Portal For Federal Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation Benefits



The Virginia Employment Commission (VEC) announced today that it has launched the application portal to the federal Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) benefits program. This program provides up to an additional 13 weeks of regular/traditional

Unemployment Insurance benefits to individuals who have already exhausted their regular Unemployment Insurance benefits.

The PEUC program is the third new unemployment benefits program to be implemented in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The final payable week for the PEUC benefits program is the week ending Dec. 26, 2020. The final payable week for the supplemental \$600 weekly payment is the week ending July 25, 2020.

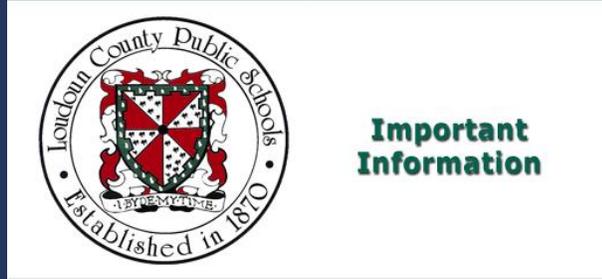
[Find Out More](#)

Loudoun County Public Schools Updates

LCPS Return to School Virtual Town Hall on July 8th

Loudoun County Public Schools will host a virtual town hall meeting ***THIS EVENING, Wednesday, July 8, at 5:30 p.m.*** to help

families learn more about their schooling options for the 2020-2021 school year.



- The meeting will be conducted using the Webex Event platform. It also will be live-streamed [online](#) and telecast on Comcast Channel 18 and Verizon FIOS Channel 43. The event will be recorded for parents and guardians who may not be able to watch it live.
- Questions will be accepted in advance of the event. Please [use this form to submit a question](#). Due to the number of questions expected, not all questions will be answered during the session.
- After the event, responses to the most frequently asked questions will be posted online at the lcps.org/ReturnToSchool2020 website.

Loudoun County Public Schools - Return to School Information for Families

LCPS requests parents/guardians indicate their 2020-2021 Return-to-School choices for their students now. Choices must be made in ParentVue by 8 a.m. Monday, July 13, 2020.

Parents should review the recent email from LCPS or see the "[July 6 Return to School Information for Families](#)" document for more information.

Fire and Rescue Awarded Federal Grant for Additional Personal Protective Equipment

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Loudoun County Fire and Rescue announced that the Department has been awarded \$253,551.82 in Federal funding through the FY 2020 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program – COVID 19 Supplemental Program.

The funding is part of the Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act through the FEMA

Assistance for Firefighters Grant Program (AFGP).

The purpose of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program-COVID-19 Supplemental is to provide funds to public safety agencies for the purchase of personal protective equipment (PPE) and related supplies, including reimbursements, to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

[More Details on the Grant](#)

Loudoun Commuter Bus Service to Resume July 13 at Reduced Service Level

Loudoun County Transit will resume Commuter Bus Service from Loudoun County to stops in and around Washington, D.C. on Monday, July 13, 2020. This follows Loudoun County's move into Phase Three of the "Forward Virginia" reopening plan, which gradually eases restrictions meant to slow the spread of COVID-19.



Loudoun County Transit has made service 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 face coverings and physical distancing requirements and more frequent bus cleanings. To allow for physical distancing on buses, seating capacity has been reduced to 50%.

[Learn More About Routes & Schedules](#)

Youth Sports Recommendations



With some youth sports starting up again, the CDC urges kids, coaches and parents to follow some important tips to protect everyone from COVID-19:

- Stay home if sick.
 - Players should bring their own equipment, like gloves and bats, if possible.
 - Reduce physical closeness and keep 6 feet of space between players when possible.
 - Coaches and spectators should wear a cloth face covering, and decide if players need to wear cloth face coverings.
- Players should clean their hands before and after practices, games, and sharing equipment.

Learn more from this [CDC YouTube video](#).

Review the [Youth Sports Program FAQs](#) and [Considerations for Youth Sports](#).

Loudoun and NVFS Administer Virginia Rent and Mortgage Relief Program for Loudoun County Residents

The Loudoun County government is working with Northern Virginia Family Service (NVFS) to administer the Virginia Rent and Mortgage Relief Program (RMRP) for Loudoun County households experiencing financial instability due to COVID-19.

Governor Ralph Northam launched RMRP this week, which will provide



\$50 million in federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding for Virginia households facing eviction or foreclosure due to COVID-19. RMRP will provide short-term financial assistance on behalf of households in the form of rent and mortgage payments. Loudoun County has received \$450,000, which will be administered by NVFS with support from Loudoun County's Information and Referral (I&R) program.

[Learn More About Eligibility Criteria & Applying](#)

Job Search Materials Available from the Loudoun Workforce Resource Center



The Loudoun Workforce Resource Center (WRC) is now taking requests for job search materials.

To request your custom bag of resources, such as job search tips, how to prepare for a job interview, surviving a layoff, and more, [complete this online Resources To-Go Request form](#) and the WRC will prepare a resource to-go bag for you.

Your resources will be ready on the day you selected for pick-up from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Find your bag outside the WRC doorway located at 102 Heritage Way, First Floor, Rear Entrance, Leesburg, 20176.

Become a Loudoun Medical Reserve Corps Volunteer

With the COVID-19 pandemic a reality, the need for Loudoun Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers - both medical and nonmedical personnel - is greater than ever.

The MRC is asking medical doctors, nurses, physician assistants, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, dentists, veterinarians, and other medical professionals to consider volunteering their time to help protect the community's health during the pandemic and beyond. For example, medical professionals may be needed to help with influenza vaccination events as flu season approaches and with COVID-19 vaccinations when there is a vaccine, as well as potential testing and other events.

Nonmedical professionals can help support testing activities, contact-tracing efforts, operating the Loudoun County Health Department's information line, logistics support, and other nonmedical functions.

For more information, visit loudoun.gov/mrc and [click here to register](#)



Metro Board Seeks Individuals to Serve on New Metro Transit Police Investigations Review Panel



Following action last month to create a new public oversight body for the Metro Transit Police Department, the Metro Board of Directors is seeking members of the public to serve on the panel.

The new Metro Transit Police Investigations Review Panel (IRP) is an independent oversight body that can recommend changes to MTPD training and policies. The panel is one of the first actions taken as part of the Board's authority-wide review of equity matters.

The seven-member panel will consist of four members of the general public – one from each Maryland, Virginia, the District, and an at-large member – plus three members with law-enforcement experience from outside agencies.

The Board expects to nominate the IRP's first seven members in September. The panel's first meeting is expected this fall.

Any member of the community with an interest in serving is welcome to apply. Applications will be accepted through 5 p.m. July 31, on Metro's website.

[Apply Now](#)

Loudoun County Animal Services Hosts Free Rabies Vaccination Clinic for Pets July 17

On Friday, July 17, 2020, Loudoun County Animal Services (LCAS) will host a free rabies vaccination event for pets. The clinic will take place at Philip A. Bolen Memorial Park in the parking lot near Field 12 and will run from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., or while supplies last, and is open to all Loudoun County residents. Dogs receiving vaccinations at this clinic will also receive a complimentary one-year Loudoun County license.

Free Rabies Vaccination Clinic

July 17, 2020

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Philip A. Bolen Memorial Park



All cats and dogs over 12 weeks of age are welcome to attend. Please bring cats in secure carriers and dogs on a 6-foot or shorter leash, no retractable leashes. Previous vaccination records are required for those wishing to receive a three-year vaccine.

[Get More Event Details](#)

VDOT Seeks Input on Route 28 and Dulles Toll Road/Greenway Interchange Improvement Study



The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) invites the public to learn more about and provide input on traffic operations and safety improvements being evaluated as part of a study to improve the Route 28 and Dulles Toll Road/Dulles Greenway interchange area.

Interested residents and travelers are encouraged to [view the online presentation, review supporting materials and maps](#), and [provide input by completing an online survey](#) by August 2, 2020.

Study details, the presentation, and online survey are available on the [project webpage](#). Comments and questions can also be sent by:

- [Emailing](#) (reference Route 28 DTR Greenway Study in the subject line)
- Mailing to VDOT's Northern Virginia District Office at 4975 Alliance Drive, Fairfax, Va 22030 (attention Abi Lerner, P.E., Project Manager)

All input and comments must be received by no later than August 2, 2020 to be included in the formal comment period.

VDOT and DRPT Seek Commuter Input Through Statewide Survey

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), in partnership with the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT), has launched the Virginia Commuter Survey, a statewide effort to gauge COVID-19 impacts to commuting around the Commonwealth. Anyone that works or lives in Virginia is invited to participate.



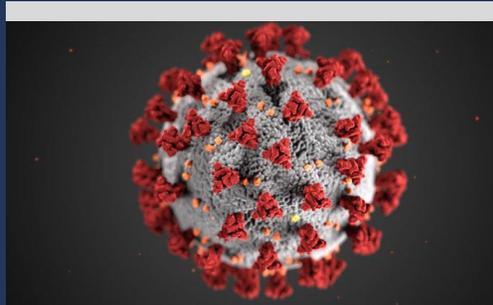
This is the first in a series of surveys planned over the next several months. The data will be collected and analyzed by state agencies to assess and determine modifications to transit needs and infrastructure.

Survey results will help the state better understand how commuting practices have changed and support ways to identify short- and long-term opportunities and improvements during and after the COVID-19 pandemic.

The survey will be fielded for at least two weeks and can be accessed here: <https://VAcommuter.metroquest.com>

Stay Informed!

Keeping with the Board of Supervisors' policy, regularly scheduled meetings of the Board's [advisory boards, commissions and committees](#) are canceled while Loudoun County Public Schools are closed. The county will provide updated information on meeting status as this rapidly evolving situation continues. For the most current schedule, please visit loudoun.gov/calendar.



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.

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Loudoun County encourages residents to stay informed about COVID-19

- To receive email updates on COVID-19, visit loudoun.gov/coronavirus.
- Text **LCCOVID19** to **888777** to receive text alerts from Loudoun County about COVID-19.
- Envíe un mensaje de texto con **LCCOVIDESP** al **888777** para actualizaciones diaras

- 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.

relacionadas con el coronavirus (COVID-19) en el condado de Loudoun.

Residents with questions about COVID-19 may call the Loudoun County Health Department's information line, 703-737-8300, or email health@loudoun.gov.

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