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COVID-19 UPDATES
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Virginia Department of Social Services Energy Assistance Program



If Virginians need help paying their energy bills, the Virginia Department of Social Services' (VDSS) energy assistance program is available with cooling assistance for senior citizens, those with children less than six years old, and those with disabilities.

The application is available through August 17.

In addition, VDSS is preparing a one-time COVID response energy system program in mid-July again using CARES Act funding to help those not typically eligible for energy assistance. The focus of that program will be to help pay-off energy debt that has accumulated during the pandemic to assist before the moratorium of service cut off ends on August 31.

VDSS will also issue one time supplemental payments that have previously received fuel or crisis assistance.

VDSS will issue more information on both of these programs next month.

[Learn More and Apply](#)

Reminder: 2019 Federal Income Tax Filing and Payment Deadline Approaching

The Treasury Department and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) are providing special tax filing and payment relief to individuals and businesses in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

The filing deadline for tax returns has been extended from April 15 to July 15, 2020.



For those who can't file by the July 15, 2020 deadline, the IRS reminds individual taxpayers that everyone is eligible to request an extension to file their return.

[Visit the IRS Website for Details](#)

Loudoun County Public Schools Updates



Return to School 2020 Choice Deadline Extension

To allow more time for families to evaluate the options available, Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS) has extended the deadline for parents and guardians to

register their choice for the type of instruction their students will receive for the 2020-21 new school year.

The deadline by which parents and guardians must register their choice has been extended to 8:00 am Wednesday, July 15.

[More Information About These Choices](#)

LCPS Special Education Town Hall

The LCPS Department of Pupil Services will host a Virtual Town Hall Meeting for the families of students receiving special education services from **5:00-6:00 pm on Monday, July 13.**

During the town hall, LCPS leadership will respond to questions regarding Special Education services and the LCPS Return to School Plan. Questions are being accepted in advance of the event, and answers to frequently asked questions will be included in the session. [Submit a question here.](#)

The event will also be live-streamed [online](#), Comcast Channel 18 and Verizon FIOS channel 43.

[Register to Attend Virtually](#)
July 8th Town Hall Recap

A video replay of Wednesday's Virtual Town Hall featuring questions about the return to school plan for the 2020-21 school year has been posted to the [LCPS Return to School 2020 website](#). The [slide presentation](#) from the town hall meeting is also available for review separately.

More information about the options available, including frequently asked questions, is also available on the [Return to School 2020 website](#).

Well-Child Visits and Vaccinations are Essential Services

Children need to be protected against vaccine-preventable diseases. Well-child visits and vaccinations are essential services and help make sure children are protected.



Children who are not protected by vaccines may be more likely to get diseases like measles and whooping cough.

As communities are opening up, it's important for parents to work with their children's doctor or nurse to make sure their children stay up to date on routine vaccines.

[Learn about going to medical offices during the COVID-19 outbreak](#)

Testing Opportunities in the Area



The Virginia Department of Health

The Virginia Department of Health has created a map/list that is intended to help provide information of known locations of various COVID-19

test sampling sites by locality.

If you are interested in finding a testing location near you, [click here!](#)

HealthWorks

HealthWorks--which provides high-quality and affordable health care for patients of all backgrounds, ages and incomes--has expanded their free COVID-19 testing and care for patients to include a satellite site in Sterling.

Testing is by appointment only. For more information on testing days and times, please contact the HealthWorks at [703-443-2000](tel:703-443-2000).

CVS Testing

CVS Health has opened almost 40 drive-thru coronavirus testing sites across Virginia. Self-swab tests are available for people who meet the criteria issued by the CDC and the state. To get a test, you must register in advance at [CVS.com](https://www.cvs.com) and schedule an appointment.

For more information on locations near you, [click here](#).

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](#)

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.

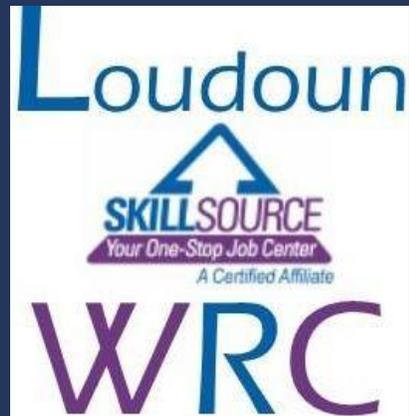
[Find Out More](#)

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.



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.

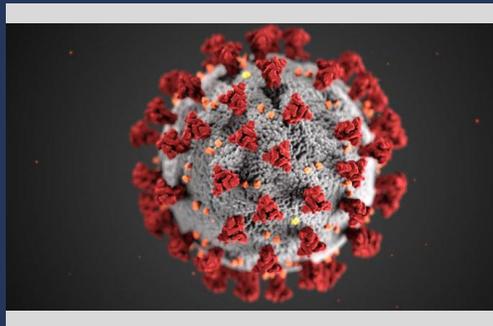
The Board expects to nominate the IRP's first seven members in September. The panel's first meeting is expected this fall.

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](#)

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.



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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.
- 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.

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 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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