



## COVID-19 UPDATES ~JULY 13, 2020~

Dear Sterling,

I want to provide an update and clarification on the proposal to send a question to voters in November regarding creating a police department in Loudoun. I know this is a topic of much public interest and I want to share my thoughts. Read my full statement on this matter [here](#).

The dialogue is ongoing and will continue, and I want to be abundantly clear that the vote scheduled for July 21st ***IS NOT*** a vote to dismantle or replace the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office, but to decide on a referendum question on this topic to include on the November 3, 2020 election ballot FOR VOTERS TO DECIDE how to move forward. ***IF*** a Police Department were to be voted for, this would not take effect until 2024, leaving ample time and opportunity for the public to be involved in the decision-making and transition processes, as you all should be. Ultimately it would be up to you, Loudoun County voters, to make this decision ***if*** this goes to referendum. If people feel strongly one way or another, they would have ample opportunity to sway Loudouners to their point of view.

While many of you have likely come across this information, I am also attaching a helpful document of FAQs that addresses the most common questions, comments, and misinformation that are circulating among the community. [Sheriff's Office-Police Department FAQs](#)

## 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 Commuter Bus Service to Resume Today, July 13 at Reduced Service Level

Loudoun County Transit has resumed Commuter Bus Service from Loudoun County to stops in and around Washington, D.C. beginning today, 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](#)

## LCPS Updates



### 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](#)

### LCPS Provides Additional Detail on Hybrid and 100% Distance-Learning Models

Loudoun County Public Schools staff members have developed additional details regarding the synchronous (in-person or online) and asynchronous (independent, online) instruction that students will receive in the Hybrid and 100% Distance-Learning models available to students in the new school year.

[More Details Here](#)

[New FAQs on Instruction, Registration, Cleaning, Quarantining, Closures and More are Now Available](#)

**Virginia Department of Health to Add Covid-19 Contact Tracing Data**

The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) began reporting information related to efforts to notify people who may have been exposed to COVID-19. Information related to notification efforts — referred to as contact tracing — is available on the COVID-19 Data Insights [webpage](#). The state-level data will be updated weekly on Fridays.



The ability to report this information is the result of a new data management system that VDH recently implemented. The data being reported includes the following:

- Percent of cases (individuals diagnosed with COVID-19) reached within 24 hours
- Number of contacts of cases who are undergoing public health monitoring
- Of contacts reached, percent contacted within 24 hours
- Percent of contacts that — after multiple attempts — were unable to be reached or have yet to be reached

This contact tracing data is the latest publicly available COVID-19 data including the daily COVID-19 Cases in Virginia dashboard, Virginia's Key Measures of COVID-19 Data and COVID-19 Case and Testing Data by ZIP Code.

[Learn More](#)

## LC-CFRS Joins Nextdoor to Connect with Loudoun Neighborhoods



The Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System (LC-CFRS) is pleased to announce that they have joined Nextdoor, a free, private social network for neighborhoods that engages residents to build stronger, safer communities.

LC-CFRS will use Nextdoor to share important fire and rescue news, life safety and fire prevention education, and resources to keep you, your family, and

your neighbors safe. Nextdoor can also be utilized to advise when we are conducting smoke alarm assessments in your area, to share upcoming public safety events such as open houses and blood drives, and provide neighborhood specific emergency information.

[Learn More and Find Out How to Sign Up](#)

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## **FDA Prepares for Resumption of Domestic Inspections with New Risk Assessment System**

The FDA has developed a rating system to assist with determining when and where it is safest to conduct prioritized domestic inspections. The COVID-19 Advisory Rating system (COVID-19 Advisory Level) uses real-time data to qualitatively assess the number of COVID-19 cases in a local area based on state and national data.



At this time, the FDA is working toward the goal of restarting on-site inspections during the week of July 20. The FDA has also determined that, for the foreseeable future, prioritized domestic inspections will be pre-announced to FDA-regulated businesses. This will help assure the safety of the investigators and employees, providing the safest possible environment to accomplish regulatory activities, while also ensuring the appropriate staff are on-site to assist FDA staff with inspection activities.

[Find Out More](#)

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## **Public Safety Agencies to Offer Virtual McGruff Safety Camp**



The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office and the Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System are pleased to announce the "virtual" 32nd annual McGruff Safety Camp from July 27 – 31, 2020. McGruff is a fun and educational safety camp geared towards children entering kindergarten and first grade. This year we have created a way for our

campers to attend the McGruff Safety Camp from the safety of their own home!

McGruff Safety Camps began back in the summer of 1988 and have continued every summer through a joint effort between the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office and the Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System.

[More Information](#)

## 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](#)

## Loudoun Medical Reserve Corps Seeks Volunteers to Help Protect Community's Health



The Loudoun Medical Reserve Corps is issuing a call for volunteers to play a key role in protecting the community's health during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond. There is a need for both medical and non-medical personnel.

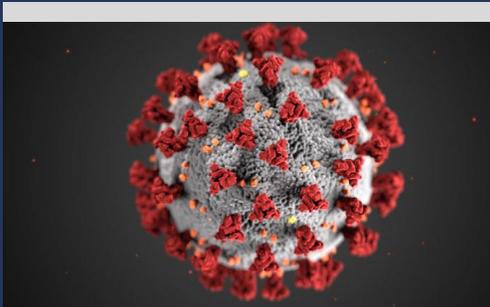
MRC volunteers play a vital role in the county's response to COVID-19. For example, they fully support the Health Department's COVID-19 information line, assist with testing events and other initiatives, including contact investigations.

Officials estimate that since the pandemic began, Loudoun MRC personnel have volunteered more than 7,400 hours, providing a cost-savings to the county of more \$200,000.

[Learn More and Register](#)

## 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](http://loudoun.gov/calendar).



The county continues to encourage everyone in the community to take steps to limit the spread of COVID-19, which include:

**LOUDOUN  
COUNTY**  
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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](http://loudoun.gov/coronavirus).

- 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.

- 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](mailto:health@loudoun.gov).

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