



**COVID-19 UPDATES**  
~JULY 27, 2020~

**Virginia Department of Health Enhances COVID-19 Data Reporting – New Portal Provides Access To Datasets And Includes Historical Data**



The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) began reporting all currently available COVID-19 datasets — including the addition of historical data — through the Virginia Open Data Portal. The portal serves to extend access to VDH data that allows the public to interpret and analyze data..

The new portal allows the public to download historical data from all of the COVID-19 datasets in several available formats and provides access to COVID-19 data more quickly and in a user-friendly way.

[Learn More](#)

**CDC Guidance on Personal and Social Activities**

The CDC has a web page to explore what you need to know if you go out for personal and social activities, including dining at a restaurant, hosting gatherings, attending events, using gyms or fitness centers, going to a nail salon, visiting a library, traveling overnight, and visiting parks.



Always remember to:

- Stay home if sick.
- Wear a cloth face covering in public settings and when around people who don't live in your household, especially when social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.
- Use social distancing (stay at least 6 feet away from others).
- Before you go, call and ask what extra prevention strategies they are using, like requiring staff to wear cloth face coverings.
- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds when you get home.

[Learn More](#)

## Getting Virginia Back To Work Hiring Event



On Tuesday, July 28th, the Virginia Employment Commission and Virginia Career Works will host a statewide virtual hiring event with 150 employers.

There will be two sessions of this hiring events, one specifically for veterans of our armed forces, and a second session for all Virginians.

- Veteran Priority: 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.
- All Virginians: 2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Below are a few important reminders and notes as you prepare for your participation in this extraordinary event:

- The Virtual Hiring Event site will be available for viewing companies and their job listings on the 24th of July 2020. Take advantage of this time to

identify potential companies and jobs to maximize your time during the actual event.

- Ensure you have your resumes posted as soon as possible.
- Have a game plan: Which employers do you want to visit first? Which positions are you interested in and what questions do you have?
- Prepare and Practice your “Elevator Pitch” and be prepared for an interview.
- Dress for success! Dress professionally as if you were attending in person.

[Register Now](#)

## LCPS Updates

The Loudoun County School Board recently endorsed a plan for Loudoun County Public Schools to begin the 2020-2021 school year via 100% distance learning for all students (with certain exceptions) and to incrementally implement the planned hybrid model in stages later down the line.



Most students will begin the school year on Tuesday, September 8th by participating in classes remotely through online resources and other learning tools provided by LCPS.

Details about these and other new factors that relate to the decision are [available here](#).

LCPS also continues to [monitor](#) the Virginia High School League, which meets Monday, July 27 to select an athletic plan for the fall sports season.

**“Give Local, Save Local” Blood Drive Comes to Leesburg August 7**



The Loudoun County Combined Fire and Rescue System, Inova Loudoun Hospital and Inova Blood Donor Services encourage you to make a lifesaving appointment to donate at one of our upcoming community blood drives.

In an innovative new program, lifesaving blood products are being taken out of hospital trauma centers

and transported directly to injured or ill patients on the scene of the incident. Currently deployed in Loudoun and Fairfax Counties, the Field Available Coordinated Transfusion Response (FACT\*R) program allows trained paramedics to transport and administer blood products in the field.

The success of the FACT\*R program is directly impacted by the availability of blood products from Inova Blood Donor Services. "Blood products donated through Inova stay local, right here in the Northern Virginia region, so your donation is truly an example of neighbors helping neighbors," says Fire Chief Keith H. Johnson.

### **Make your appointment today!**

August 7, 2020  
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Ida Lee Recreation Center  
60 Ida Lee Drive, NW, Leesburg, VA 20176  
[Click here to Sign Up!](#)

Or Call [1-866-BLOODSAVES \(1-866-256-6372\)](tel:1-866-BLOODSAVES) and use sponsor code = 5245

\*Precautions will be taken to ensure proper social distancing and the use of face coverings\*

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## **LCAS Free Rabies Vaccination Clinic Doubles Previous Clinic Record; Another Event Expected in Fall**

On Friday, July 17, 2020, LCAS held a clinic at Philip A. Bolen Memorial Park, where 333 animals—241 dogs and 92 cats—received a rabies vaccine and/or a license, more than twice the number of the previous largest low-cost clinic offered by LCAS.



In response to the success of the event, the Friends of Loudoun County Animal Services has begun fundraising for another clinic in the fall to include low-cost microchipping, along with rabies vaccinations.

Interested Loudoun County residents should watch the [LCAS webpage](#) and social media for a future date. Donations to support future free and low-cost clinics can be made at [www.flcas.org](http://www.flcas.org).

[Find Out More](#)

## When You Can be Around Others After You Had or Likely Had COVID-19?



Friday, the CDC provided the following new recommendations for when to end home isolation after being confirmed or suspected of having COVID-19 (VDH is expected to adopt these changes):

- 10 days from symptom onset and
- At least 24 hours since the last fever without fever reducing medications (previously at least “72 hours of improvement in symptoms”) and
- Symptoms have improved

The CDC no longer recommends ending isolation based on a negative COVID-19 test result. A key reason is some “persistently positive” recovered persons can continue to test positive for COVID-19 for up to three months after illness onset.

[Learn More](#)

## Solarize NOVA Offers Loudoun Homeowners, Businesses Discounted Prices on Solar Panels, EV Chargers

The Solarize NOVA program has returned to Loudoun County. Now through August 31, 2020, Loudoun County residents and business owners may utilize Solarize NOVA to learn more about solar power options specific to their property and take advantage of streamlined installation and financing processes.

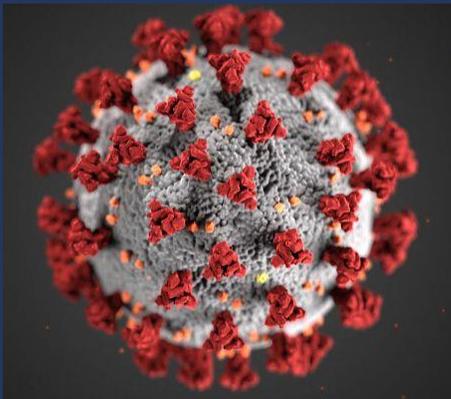


Anyone interested in learning more about solar power is encouraged to attend one of two upcoming [virtual information sessions](#) about the Solarize NOVA program.

- Thursday, July 30, 2020, 4:00 – 5:00 pm
- Tuesday, August 18, 2020, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

[Get More Details](#)

## FDA Issues First Emergency Authorization for Sample Pooling in Diagnostic Testing



The U.S. Food and Drug Administration recently reissued an emergency use authorization to Quest Diagnostics to authorize its SARS-CoV-2 rRT-PCR test for use with pooled samples containing up to four individual swab specimens collected under observation.

The Quest test is the first COVID-19 diagnostic test to be authorized for use with pooled samples.

Sample pooling is an important public health tool because it allows for more people to be tested quickly using fewer testing resources.

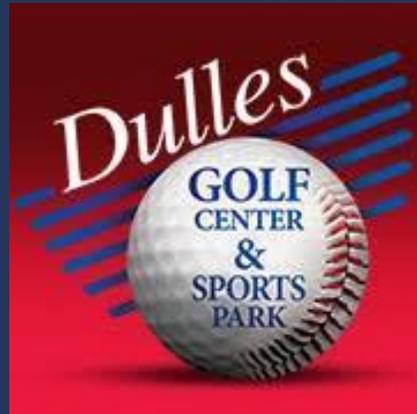
[Read the Full Press Release](#)

## Businesses to Recognize: Dulles Golf Center & Sports Park

I would like to recognize the Dulles Golf Center & Sports Park for all that they have done to keep their venue and play areas safe for customers and our community members.

Here are a few things that Dulles Golf Center & Sports Park has put into place to keep everyone safe:

- Practicing social distancing of at least 6 feet while at the park
- Hand sanitizer stations are located at the driving range and the batting cages/mini golf area
- Disinfecting all door handles, counters, and bathroom fixtures on a regular basis
- Keeping the doors open as weather permits
- Disinfecting all mini golf putters and balls after each use
- Removed all flag sticks from the mini golf course
- New scorecards and pencils are available for mini golf
- Customers who use the batting cages must wear their own helmets
- Sanitizing all batting cage tokens after each use



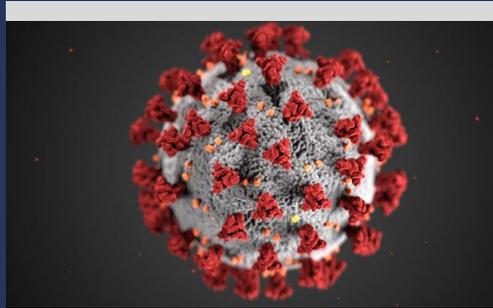
Dulles Golf Center & Sports Park has all activities open and ready for customers to come in and enjoy. Come hit balls on the driving range, play a round of mini golf on our 18-hole course, or hit baseballs and softballs in the batting cages.

[Visit their site](#)

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



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

- Wear a mask/face covering ([see requirements](#))
- 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.

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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](https://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](mailto:health@loudoun.gov).

- Avoid non-essential travel.

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