



Broad Run Blast

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Loudoun County Announces Third 'Presumptive Positive' Case of COVID-19

The Loudoun County Health Department announced that a third resident of Loudoun County has tested "presumptive positive" for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). This individual is a male in his 30s who lives in Loudoun County. The Health Department is currently investigating the potential source of this person's infection. The individual is being treated at a hospital in Loudoun County.

At this time, there is no evidence of what is called "community transmission" of COVID-19 in Loudoun County. Based on the three positives to date, we can anticipate that more cases of COVID-19 will be identified in Loudoun County. Therefore, the county will be implementing the changes that are listed below.

Earlier this week, the county reported its [first](#) and [second](#) case of COVID-19. The positive test results are considered "presumptive positive," pending confirmatory testing by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Loudoun County Services Update

Senior Centers

Effective Monday, March 16, 2020, all activities and programs at Loudoun County senior centers are cancelled, except for congregant meals, the most critical need for our older adult community. The Senior Centers will be open only from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to accommodate the meals program.

This service is a life sustaining service and we believe it is a significant need that we should maintain. For older adults who come into the Centers for their meals, we will be implementing social distancing measures for high risk populations. This includes hand washing, maintaining a safe distance from each other, regular washing and disinfection for high touch surfaces, and related measures.

For older adults that wish to obtain meals, but are not comfortable coming into the center, meal delivery will be made available.

Additional, and similar social distancing procedures for high risk populations will be put in place related to our transportation services to and from centers in addition to cleaning procedures of the buses and the facilities. The process described above also allows for our staff to talk with and assess our older adult clients to ensure that they are remaining healthy and do not have other issues that require services we provide.

Adult Day Centers

No change to programs or services at this time. Adult Day Care serves a vulnerable population and provides assistance to the individual and their family. These centers have regular measures in place to assess visitors before they enter a facility. These assessments are highly individualized and include not admitting visitors who are exhibiting symptoms of illness.

Recreation Centers and Community Centers

Effective Monday, March 16, 2020, programs held at recreation centers and community centers will be limited to only those that enable social distancing

measures to be implemented. Any programs specifically for older adults are cancelled.

Cleaning and disinfecting schedules have been modified to increase the frequency.

Preschool and Daycare

The county's preschool and daycare programs that are operated by the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services will be closed while Loudoun County Public Schools are closed.

County After School Activities (CASA)

With the closure of Loudoun County Public Schools, all after-school programs, including CASA programs, are cancelled.

Public Libraries

All library programs at all Loudoun County Public Library branches are suspended from Monday, March 16, through Sunday, March 29, 2020. Libraries will remain open during their normal business hours. Based on local Health Department guidance, patrons 60 years of age and older are encouraged to follow health protocols as noted above. Cleaning and disinfecting schedules have been modified to increase the frequency.

Paratransit Bus Service

Guidance on social distancing measures similar to those provided to first responders will be provided to staff and contractors operating this transportation service.

Human Services Agencies

Guidance on social distancing measures similar to those provided to first responders will be provided to staff and contractors providing both mental health and social services to clients in the field.

Special Events

Event organizers should follow [CDC](#) and [VDH](#) additional guidance at this time. Additional information will be provided to event organizers through our special events coordinator. These are private events and not County sponsored events.

Advisory Bodies and Commissions

Given the closure of Loudoun County Public Schools from March 12 through March 20, 2020, regularly scheduled meetings of the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors' Advisory Boards, Commissions and Committees are canceled during this period.

On days when Loudoun County Public Schools are unexpectedly closed due to inclement weather, the Board of Supervisors' policy specifies the cancellation of such meetings. This policy is being applied in the context of LCPS' unexpected closure in regard to COVID-19 preparedness and response efforts.

Some exceptions apply:

The following bodies continue to meet, pursuant to the Code of Virginia:

- [Board of Supervisors](#)
- [Board of Equalization](#)
- [Board of Zoning Appeals](#)
- [Planning Commission](#)

The Chairs of the following Board of Supervisors Standing Committees will determine the meeting status of these committees:

- [Finance/Government Operations & Economic Development Committee](#)
- [Joint Board/School Board Committee](#)
- [Transportation & Land Use Committee](#)

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.

For a full list of advisory boards, commissions and committees, as well as the meeting cancellation policy, please visit loudoun.gov/Advisory.

Loudoun County Public Schools Update

Schools Closed Through Friday, March 27

Governor Ralph Northam has ordered all K-12 schools in Virginia to close for a minimum of two weeks in response to the continued spread of novel coronavirus, or COVID-19. The closure period will be from [Monday, March 16, through Friday, March 27](#), at a minimum. Loudoun County Public Schools is in contact with the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) to determine the full scope of the effects of this announcement on LCPS' operations. We will continue to provide additional information as the situation evolves.

Educational Assignments

LCPS is developing plans for potential distance learning experiences (digital and non-digital) for the purposes of continuity of education. School administration has advised teachers to refrain from making mandatory assignments with deadlines to students. If it becomes necessary to extend the school closures and begin distance learning, we will provide more details to students, families, and staff regarding expectations.

Continuing Meal Service and Food Deliveries

Loudoun County School Nutrition Services (SNS) is expanding and extending free meal service in our school communities from March 16 to March 20 and March 23 to March 27 at schools and other designated locations.

As a reminder, school based meal service will be provided from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meals will be available at each school and students will be allowed to receive two meals daily (a breakfast and a lunch) and can choose to take both meals simultaneously. Students can receive the meals at the school of their choice, not just at the school they attend.

LCPS is also using our school bus fleet to increase the availability of meal service to students that rely on schools for meal support. Delivery of meals to locations such as community centers and churches throughout the county will begin Monday, March 16, 2020. LCPS will send an additional announcement this weekend with a link to maps indicating the locations and scheduled times of "meal stops." Please arrive at the meal stops early to ensure buses can remain on schedule.

Kindergarten Registration Rescheduled

Kindergarten Registration has been rescheduled from Wednesday, March 18, to Wednesday, April 15. LCPS will maintain the current appointment time slots that were originally scheduled on Wednesday, March 18. If your original appointment was after March 18, please contact your school to confirm your new appointment time and date. Parents/guardians are asked to contact the school if they are unable to attend during their original appointment time, on the new date, April 15. If necessary, LCPS staff will work with parents/guardians to choose another available time slot and/or day. Parents/guardians will not lose their place on the school's original appointment list if they have to reschedule due to this change. If you are planning to apply for special permission, please follow the special permission guidelines that can be found at this [webpage](#). More information will be provided to kindergarten parents/guardians prior to April 15. If you have further questions, please contact your school directly.

Contact Us Email Link and Hotline: 571-252-6499

Community members with questions are encouraged to review the responses to Frequently Asked Questions on the [FAQ page](#). If the responses to Frequently Asked Questions don't provide the information community members seek, they are welcome to submit questions via the Contact Us function on the [FAQ page](#), as well.

LCPS will launch a COVID-19 telephone "hotline" at 1 p.m. Monday, March 16, to provide another option for information. The hotline number is 571-252-6499. Community members should feel free to call with any questions about the status of school operations, current schedules, and the latest information on other topics. Calls will be answered until 5 p.m. on Monday. Beginning Tuesday, March 17, the hotline will operate between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

If you have additional questions about LCPS operations, please review our responses to FAQs, submit your questions on our [COVID-19 Preparedness at LCPS webpage](#) or, beginning at 1 p.m. on March 16, through our hotline at 571-252-6499.

Schedule Changes and Facilities Use

A list of LCPS schedule changes and postponements that have been announced as of today can be found on the [COVID-19 Preparedness](#) at LCPS webpage, in the FAQ section titled "Schedule Changes."

All activities by outside organizations using LCPS facilities are cancelled through Sunday, March 29. Refunds or credits toward future events have been offered to organizations that have already paid for facility use.

Domestic and International Travel

Any overnight trips scheduled through April 30, 2020, are canceled. All LCPS-sponsored international travel has been suspended through June 30. The Loudoun International Youth Leadership Summit has been canceled, and students will be offered a virtual summit experience instead.

LCPS Administrative Offices Public Meetings Cancelled

All public meetings, including School Board committee meetings, at the LCPS Administrative Offices in Ashburn – with two exceptions – have been cancelled through Friday, March 20.

The two exceptions to the cancellations are:

- A Select Committee of the School Board for Hearing Appeals will meet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 17, via WebEx.
- A special School Board meeting at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 19. (The public is asked to view this meeting via streaming webcast.)

Any additional changes to the schedule will be announced when more information is available.

Stay Informed

This is a rapidly changing situation, and information is being shared as it becomes available. Below are regional to worldwide resources.

- [Loudoun County Government](#)
- [Loudoun County Public Schools](#)
- [INOVA Health](#)
- [Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority \(WMATA\)](#)
- [Virginia Department of Health \(VDH\)](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)
- [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#)

The Loudoun County Health Department has a public information line for questions from Loudoun County residents.

- Email the Health Department at health@loudoun.gov
- Call the information line at 703-737-8300
 - Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
 - Saturday-Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

RECEIVE TEXT UPDATES ON
CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19):

Text **LCCOVID19**
to **888777**



Coronavirus Information

Symptoms

The coronavirus that causes COVID-19 can cause mild to more severe respiratory illness. In a small proportion of patients, COVID-19 can cause death, particularly among those who are older or who have chronic medical conditions. Symptoms include fever, cough, and difficulty breathing. Symptoms appear within 14 days of being exposed to an infectious person. COVID-19 spreads primarily through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes.

Prevention Tips

To lower the risk of respiratory germ spread, including COVID-19, the Virginia Department of Health encourages the following effective behaviors:

- 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.
- Practice social distancing by voiding large gatherings and keeping at least three feet of distance between yourself and others.

COVID 19
CORONAVIRUS DISEASE

STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS IN LOUDOUN COUNTY

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.

Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.

Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

For more information, visit loudoun.gov/coronavirus or email health@loudoun.gov

COVID 19
ENFERMEDAD DEL CORONAVIRUS

DETENGA LA PROPAGACIÓN DE LOS MICROBIOS EN EL CONDADO DE LOUDOUN

Ayude a prevenir la propagación de virus respiratorios como el nuevo COVID-19.

Evite el contacto cercano con las personas enfermas.

Cúbrase la nariz y la boca con un pañuelo desechable al toser o estornudar y luego bótelos a la basura.

Limpie y desinfecte los objetos y las superficies que se tocan frecuentemente.

Evite tocarse los ojos, la nariz y la boca.

Quédese en casa si está enfermo, excepto para buscar atención médica.

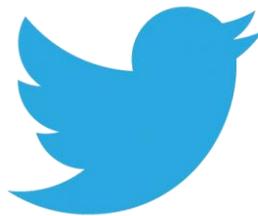
Lávese las manos frecuentemente con agua y jabón por al menos 20 segundos.

Para obtener más información, visite loudoun.gov/coronavirus, envíenos un correo electrónico a health@loudoun.gov o llame a el número 703-737-6300.

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