

Coronavirus Update: March 16, 2020

A Message from Kathy Smith

The Sully District Office will be open this week, but with limited in-person staffing. The majority of our staff will be teleworking, however they will remain available via email and voicemail.

I thank you for your patience as my office continues to push out additional information to the community in response to COVID-19. Below is additional information to assist and inform Sully District residents. This situation is continually evolving and my office will continue to inform the community as we receive information from our trusted sources.

Sincerely,

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County Operating Status

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS): All FCPS school buildings are closed until further notice. Food distribution at FCPS sites will continue as scheduled. For details, <u>click here</u>.

Courts (Click the links below to check the operating status):

- Fairfax County Circuit Court
- Fairfax City and Fairfax County General District Courts
- Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court

Parks: All Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) facilities are closed from March 16 to 29, 2020; parks remain open. This includes RECenters, nature centers, historic sites, visitor centers, equestrian facilities, golf courses, preschools, etc. All events, classes, programs, and permitted use of athletic fields, parks, historic sites, campgrounds, and picnic shelters during this timeframe are also cancelled.

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Our parks, dog parks, and trails remain open at this time, but we reiterate the need for social distancing and mandated avoidance of any large gatherings or group activities. For details, click here.

Libraries: Effective Monday, March 16, all Fairfax County Public Library full-service locations will be closed for two weeks. Although library branches are closed, some staff will be on site to support phone and virtual reference. FCPL is also working on a curbside pick up option; more info to follow later this week. All library-sponsored programs are cancelled through April 12. All meeting room bookings are cancelled through April 12. Due dates for all physical materials will be extended for thirty days. For details, click here.

Senior Centers and Adult Day Health Care Centers: Effective immediately, all Fairfax County Senior Centers and Adult Day Health Care Centers are closed to participants until further notice. Additionally, beginning Monday, March 16, Fairfax County will provide meal delivery service to registered participants who wish to obtain them.

Community Centers/Neighborhood Centers/Resource Centers and Teen Centers: Effective immediately, NCS Community Centers/Neighborhood Centers/Resource Centers and Teen Centers are closed to participants through Sunday, March 29. Community Centers and Teen Centers plan to offer regularly scheduled spring break services (RecQuest/Teens In Action) April 6 – April 13.

School Age Child Care: <u>SACC</u> is closed for the weeks of March 16 and March 23. However, SACC plans to offer an additional week of spring break services at consolidated sites the week of March 30 and plans to offer regularly scheduled spring break services the week of April 6. The system for registration for the weeks of March 30 and April 6 will be communicated to all SACC families.

Community Resources

Neighborhood and Community Services:

- <u>Coordinated Services Planning</u> Connects Fairfax County residents with government and community-based resources for assistance with, but not limited to: food, shelter, employment, financial assistance, and healthcare.
- Call 703-222-0880, TTY 711
- Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Small Businesses:

For small businesses in need of relief, visit https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/topics/ information-businesses-impacted-due-novel-coronavirus, which will continue to be updated with guidance.

Utilities:

- <u>Verizon, Comcast, and Cox</u> have pledged to keep customers connected for the next 60 days and not terminate services to any residential customer or small business that is unable to pay their bills.
- <u>Dominion Energy</u> has suspended disconnections.
- Washington Gas will be waiving late fees and suspending disconnections.

Public Transportation Update

Fairfax Connector Bus:

There have been no changes to Fairfax Connector services, however cleaning protocols have been reviewed and updated. Increased vehicle cleaning cycles are occurring with a special focus on bus interiors and critical touchpoints. These cleanings incorporate disinfection procedures indicated to be effective against COVID-19.

Metro:

Beginning today, Monday, March 16, Metro is reducing service and will operate as described below.

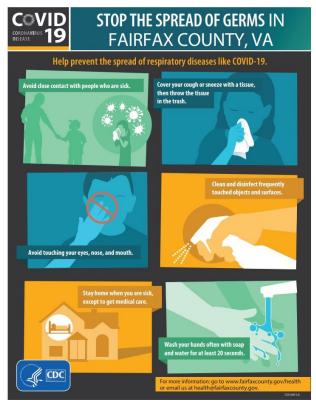
METRORAIL service -

- Monday through Friday: Trains will operate every 12 minutes on each line throughout the day. The rail system will maintain normal hours, opening at 5:00 a.m.
- Saturday: Trains will operate every 12 minutes on each line, with service from 7:00 a.m. until 1:00 a.m. (normal Saturday service).
- Sunday: Trains will operate every 15 minutes on each line, with service from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. (normal Sunday service).

METROBUS service -

- On weekdays, bus service will operate on a Saturday supplemental schedule.
- Weekend bus schedules are unchanged.

WMATA also asks that customers do not use Metro to go to healthcare appointments if you are showing signs of illness. As a reminder, in preparation for Metro's summer repair work, parking will continue to be reduced at the Vienna, East Falls Church, and West Falls Church stations.





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