

Loudoun Literacy Council Update on Service Impacts
Due to Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

March 14, 2020

Dear Friends,

Out of an abundance of caution, Loudoun Literacy Council's office will be closed until Monday, March 23, 2020 (prolonged closure will be assessed on a daily basis and communicated accordingly.) The safety of our staff, volunteers, and clients is of paramount importance to us.

While the office is closed, we continue to serve the community. Here's our modified plan (as of this communication):

Adult Services

Individual Tutoring: We understand that some of our student learners have time-sensitive needs. Some are preparing for tests while others are restricted in their availability. We will continue to provide individual tutoring as needed. For those who wish to stop classes at this time, sessions will be suspended and will resume at a later date of their choosing.

Jobsite Literacy: We are working with our local businesses and moving forward with classes for employees as directed, on a case-by-case basis.

Classes held at homeowner associations and apartment complexes: We are currently between sessions and are working closely with organizers to determine if classes will start as planned or will be postponed. All students signed up to attend the next session will be directly notified.

Classes held at libraries and community centers: All classes have been temporarily suspended and will resume once Loudoun County Public Library decides to re-start programs. Students and teachers participating in this year's spring session have been notified of our plans. We will continue to monitor and assess if the summer session will commence in-person or via remote access.

School Success: All classes have been suspended or are postponed while Loudoun County Public Schools are closed. We will work with the leadership at each school to determine if and when we resume in-person services or provide classes via remote learning. In the interim, the parents we work with have been notified that our teachers and staff are here to work with the parent liaisons and assist with any communication needs they have with the schools.

Children and Family Services

Sweet Dreams: Our reading program at the homeless shelter is paused. Books have been delivered to residents.

Head Start and STEP Programs: All programs are paused while Loudoun County Public Schools are closed. Programs will resume once we are directed to do so by the administration. Meanwhile, book packs were delivered to students in all but two classrooms prior to the closure. We are in contact with Head Start and STEP administration and will resume services as soon as possible.

Book Builders: We are working to make free books available at meal pickups to as many high need schools as possible, and through Loudoun County Health Department, and other local partners like Loudoun Hunger Relief.

Volunteer Training

The teacher training scheduled for March 21st at the Ashburn Library is postponed. All registered participants have been informed of plans and next steps. The next teacher training is scheduled for May 2nd from 11am to 4pm at Rust Library. We will also host a training session at the Cascades Library on June 30th.

We remain vigilant and continue to work with our partner nonprofits and local government agencies within the larger Loudoun human services network to serve the needs of our community. For community-wide updates on the Coronavirus, please visit: <https://www.loudoun.gov/5307/Coronavirus>

Please remain safe, and feel free to contact us if we can be of further assistance. We are grateful to you for your patience as our small staff juggles many commitments while attempting to support our community remotely.

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Best regards,

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