

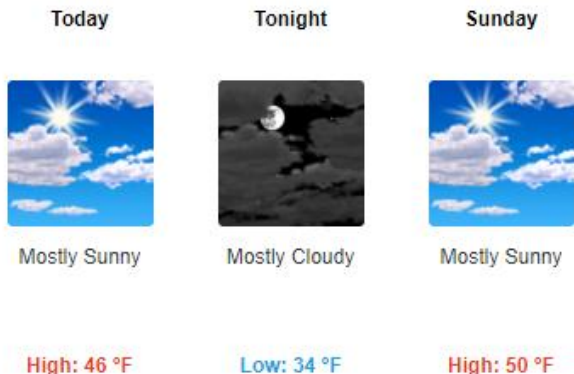


# NCR WATCH DESK

SUNRISE BRIEF, FEBRUARY 8, 2020

## I. WEATHER

- **Today:** Sunny. High 46°. Low 34°.



## II. DEVELOPMENTS OF NOTE

### National Capital Region

- **NCR:** The National Weather Service (NWS) confirmed four tornadoes touched down in the NCR early Friday morning. Two tornadoes were confirmed in Montgomery County, MD; one in Frederick County, MD; and one in Leesburg, VA. The Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service responded to nearly 100 calls for service between 7AM and 9AM Friday morning. The four tornadoes occurring in a single morning represents the biggest winter tornado event on record for the NCR. No deaths or injuries were reported. [Link](#)



Damage from the tornado in Leesburg, VA (Source: Washington Post)

- **Montgomery County:** The Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service responded to a garage fire in the Rio Mall in Gaithersburg. A SUV was fully engulfed in flames. There were no injuries, however there was significant damage to the structure and several vehicles. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

[Link](#)

### United States

- **Florida:** The city of North Miami Beach Police Department was targeted by a ransomware attack. No public services were interrupted. It is unclear if any personal or protected information of employees, residents, or vendors was accessed or acquired. Federal law enforcement agencies and the county police department continue to investigate the objectives of the attack. [Link](#)
- **Louisiana:** State health officials are investigating a norovirus outbreak at a southwestern casino that left at least 200 people self-reporting virus symptoms. It is unclear how the virus spread. Health officials are trying to contain the spread, as the virus is now in transmission within the community and spreading to multiple parishes. [Link](#)

## III. NOVEL CORONAVIRUS

- **Overview:** Johns Hopkins University's Center for Systems Science and Engineering (JHU CSSE) reports 34,945 confirmed cases of Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) and 725 deaths as of 2/8/2020 at 5:53AM. [Link](#)
- **China:** The US Embassy in Beijing reported the first American death from 2019-nCoV in Wuhan. [Link](#)
- **United States:** The US government announced it is prepared to spend up to \$100 million in existing funds to assist China and other impacted countries to contain and combat 2019-nCoV. [Link](#)