



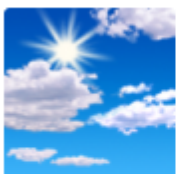
# NCR WATCH DESK

SUNRISE BRIEF, FEBRUARY 14, 2020

## I. WEATHER

- **Today:** Mostly sunny with wind gusts as high as 25 mph. High 39°. Low 20°.

Today



Mostly Sunny

Tonight



Mostly Clear

Saturday



Sunny

High: 39 °F

Low: 20 °F

High: 38 °F

## II. DEVELOPMENTS OF NOTE

### National Capital Region

- **Montgomery County:** Officers responded to Wheaton High School & Thomas Edison High School of Technology at approximately 11:19AM for the report of a suspicious situation/possible threat. Officers investigated the situation and determined that there was no viable threat. [Link](#)
- **Montgomery County:** Tolling system upgrades will continue on the Intercounty Connector (ICC) with weekend detours. From 9PM tonight until 5AM Monday, February 17, westbound ICC/MD 200 traffic will be closed from Georgia Ave (MD 97) to Shady Grove Road. [Link](#)

### United States

- **Massachusetts:** Fire officials responded to several explosions at the Newburyport chemical plant, located 47 miles from Boston. The explosions blew a hole in the roof and prompted evacuation of the building. No injuries were reported. The cause of the explosion is under investigation. [Link](#)

## World

- **Netherlands:** Police are investigating a series of letter bombs directed at businesses across the country this week. Authorities believe all 11 attacks are likely connected, as all the letters have included blackmail letters demanding Bitcoin payment to prevent future attacks. Four letter bombs have been found in the past two days. Only three of the letter bombs have exploded. There have been no injuries. [Link](#)



*Dutch police warned companies to look out for padded envelopes with two stamps (Source: BBC)*

## III. COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

- **Overview:** Johns Hopkins University's Center for Systems Science and Engineering reports 64,447 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 1,383 deaths as of 2/14/2020 at 6AM. [Link](#)
- **Texas:** The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention confirmed another case of COVID-19. This is the fifteenth US case. The patient was among a group of people under federal quarantine at JBSA-Lackland Airforce base in San Antonio. The individual is currently isolated and receiving medical care at a designated local hospital. [Link](#)
- **Japan:** The country's health minister announced the death of a woman in her 80's due to COVID-19. This is Japan's first COVID-19 death and the second death outside of China. [Link](#)