



NCR WATCH DESK

SUNRISE BRIEF, JULY 3, 2020

I. WEATHER

- **Today:** Sunny and hot. High 97°. Low 75°. Today will be the hottest day of the year thus far. Take precaution if spending time outdoors.

Today



Hot

High: 97 °F

Tonight



Partly Cloudy

Low: 75 °F

Independence
Day



Chance
T-storms

High: 90 °F

II. DEVELOPMENTS OF NOTE

National Capital Region

- **Virginia:** A new pedestrian law that went into effect Wednesday, July 1 required [drivers to stop for pedestrians](#) in any marked or unmarked crosswalk until the pedestrian has cleared all lanes.
- **Alexandria:** KeepIt360, a weekly after-school club at T.C. Williams High School, was [awarded a mini-grant](#) by the Suicide Prevention Alliance of Northern Virginia for activities that focus on helping students learn about mental health.
- **Montgomery County:** The Atlantic Hurricane and Summer Storm Season began June 1 and will run through November. The county's Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security offers tips to [prepare for the summer storm season](#).
- **Prince George's County:** Police is seeking the public's assistance in locating 75-year-old Juanita Carrera Scott, who was last seen in the area of Thompson Road, in Bowie.

III. COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS)

- **Overview:** [Johns Hopkins University](#) reports 10,889,434 COVID-19 cases, 521,669 deaths, and 5,771,673 recoveries worldwide as of 6AM. In the US, there are 2,739,879 cases, 128,740 deaths, and 781,970 recoveries.
- **National Capital Region:** There are 80,581 COVID-19 cases and 3,085 fatalities reported in the NCR. [DC](#), [MD](#), [VA](#)
- **Nationwide:** The National Safety Council has advised consumers [not to handle fireworks shortly after applying hand sanitizer](#). Alcohol residue could increase the risk of burn injury. Experts recommend washing with soap and water when handling fireworks.
- **Nationwide:** FDA warned consumers about alcohol-based hand sanitizers containing methanol, or wood alcohol. [Methanol is not an acceptable active ingredient](#). The substance is used to create fuel and antifreeze and can be toxic when absorbed through the skin and life-threatening when ingested.
- **District of Columbia:** All [testing sites](#) and [student grocery distribution sites](#) will be closed today and tomorrow.
- **Maryland:** A new Department of Health directive was announced instructing physicians to [order a test](#) for any individual who requests it, regardless of symptoms. Health officials are also encouraging anyone who works in close-contact settings with confirmed cases and individuals who have traveled or returned to the state from out-of-state travel, to get tested.
- **Virginia:** The application portal for federal [Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation](#) benefits program is now available. The program provided up to an additional 13 weeks of regular unemployment benefits to those who have exhausted regular benefits.