

RESOLUTION 56 OF 2020

BY THE CADDO PARISH COMMISSION:

A RESOLUTION ENACTING A COVID19 THREAT LEVEL SYSTEM WITHIN CADDO PARISH AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo is experiencing a significant and uncontrolled level of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, it has been shown that measures such as wearing masks and social distancing limit the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Parish of Caddo would like to issue additional guidance to its citizens in order to highlight the seriousness of the significant and uncontrolled spread of COVID-19 within the Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Caddo Parish Commission in due, legal and regular session convened that the Caddo Parish Commission hereby enacts the following threat level guidance with regard to COVID-19:

THREAT LEVELS

The Caddo Parish COVID-19 Threat Level system advises four levels of transmission: Level 1 severe (red), Level 2 significant (orange), Level 3 moderate (yellow), and Level 4 minimal (green). Along with the level of transmission are actions residents should follow: Stay home, (red); minimize all contacts (orange); stay vigilant (yellow); and resume normal contacts (green).

Level 1: Stay Home (Current Level)

Level one signifies a severe and uncontrolled level of COVID-19 in Caddo Parish, meaning **OUTBREAKS ARE PRESENT AND WORSENING** and that testing and contact tracing capacity is strained or exceeded. At this level, residents take action to **minimize contacts with others wherever possible and avoid leaving home except for the most essential needs** like going to the grocery store for food and getting medicine.

Face coverings are **considered mandatory** in public except for the following circumstances:

- When exercising outside or engaging in physical activity outside;
- While driving alone or with passengers who are part of the same household as the driver;

- When doing so poses a greater mental or physical health, safety, or security risk;
- While pumping gas or operating outdoor equipment;
- While in a building or activity that requires security surveillance or screening, for example, banks; or
- When consuming food or drink.

Level 2: Minimize ALL Contacts

Level two signifies **A SIGNIFICANT AND UNCONTROLLED** level of COVID-19 in Caddo Parish, meaning that there is ongoing transmission of the virus and that testing and contact tracing capacity is likely sufficient to meet demand. At this level, residents should **minimize contact with others, avoiding any medium or large gatherings and only visiting permissible businesses that follow public health guidance.**

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- When doing so poses a greater mental or physical health, safety, or security risk;
- While pumping gas or operating outdoor equipment;
- While in a building or activity that requires security surveillance or screening, for example, banks; or
- When consuming food or drink.

Level 3: Stay Vigilant

Level three signifies **a MODERATE, BUT CONTROLLED** level of COVID-19 in Caddo Parish, meaning a demonstrated reduction in transmission and the local healthcare system is within capacity. Residents **should remain vigilant**, but resume contact with others and resume leaving home.

Face coverings are **encouraged** in public

Level 4: Resume Normal Activity

Level four signifies a **MINIMAL AND CONTROLLED** level of COVID-19 in Caddo Parish, meaning new chains of transmission are limited and quickly broken or a vaccine and/or treatment has been developed and widely deployed. At this level, residents **may resume normal contact** with others unless sick.

Face coverings are **optional** in public

Please note that face coverings are a secondary strategy to other mitigation efforts. Face coverings are not a replacement for social distancing, frequent handwashing, and self-isolation when sick. All people should follow CDC recommendations for how to wear and take off a mask.

Residents should keep up the following habits while in public:

- washing hands before you leave home and when you return;
- staying at least six feet away from others;
- avoiding touching nose or face;
- not using disposable masks more than three times; and
- washing reusable cloth masks regularly to prevent the spread of the virus.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is effective immediately upon its passage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved as to legal form:

Parish Attorney

Date