

COVID-19 Daily Update
Friday, April 17, 2020
As of 1:13 PM

OVERVIEW: The United States, including the State of Louisiana, is responding to a pandemic of respiratory disease spreading from person-to-person caused by a novel (new) coronavirus also called “COVID-19”. This situation poses a serious significant public health risk and many areas of the country are taking drastic measures to prevent the spread of the disease.

COVID-19 is spreading at a rapid pace across the State of Louisiana. On March 14, 2020 Governor John Bel Edwards issued a Public Health Emergency. On March 22, 2020, the Governor issued a statewide Stay at Home Order that went into effect at 5 pm on Monday, March 23, 2020, to further fight the spread of COVID-19 in Louisiana. On April 2, 2020, the Governor extended the Stay at Home Order through April 30, 2020.

Caddo Parish Departmental Information

NOTE: Press conferences will be held as needed. If a press conference is held, it will be streamed on our *Facebook page and media outlets will also stream the conference.*

- All employees who are not considered essential are working remotely.
- Services in Government Plaza are being processed by phone, online or mail.
- Caddo Parish Courthouse has reduced public access hours from 8am-1pm daily.
- Juvenile Court has reduced public access hours from 8am-1pm daily.
- Parish health units remain open to the public.
- All other Parish buildings are closed to the public.
- ALL Parish parks facilities are closed including all trails, camp sites, playgrounds, etc.
- Some compactor sites are operating at reduced hours. A full listing of hours can be found on the Parish’s website at caddo.org
- Animal Services is closed to the public. Adoptions and lost pet returns may be scheduled by appointment only. ACOs are responding to emergency calls only and ACAs are cleaning the shelter daily.

For City of Shreveport Information, please press ctrl+click to access the following link

<https://www.shreveportla.gov/2553/Coronavirus-Local-Information>

Situation in the State of Louisiana

Number of Cases: 23,118
Number of Deaths: 1,213
64 out of 64 parishes have cases
1,818 patients in the hospital, 363 on ventilators

Current Situation in Caddo Parish

Number of Cases: 1,220
Number of Deaths: 60 (Per Coroner)

Current Situation in Bossier Parish

Number of Cases: 230
Number of Deaths: 11

Other Parish Information

Number of Cases – Orleans Parish:	5,906
Number of Cases – Jefferson Parish:	5,476
Number of Cases – East Baton Rouge Parish	1,424

Other Information

www.openforbusiness.com provides links to local Louisiana restaurants that are open and need our business.

Economic Injury Disaster Loans and Loan Advance

To apply for a COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan, [click here](#).

In response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, small business owners in all U.S. states, Washington D.C., and territories are eligible to apply for an Economic Injury Disaster Loan advance of up to \$10,000.

The SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan program provides small businesses with working capital loans of up to \$2 million that can provide vital economic support to small businesses to help overcome the temporary loss of revenue they are experiencing. The loan advance will provide economic relief to businesses that are currently experiencing a temporary loss of revenue. Funds will be made available within three days of a successful application, and this loan advance will not have to be repaid.

COVID Mental Health Hotline

A special Keeping Calm through COVID Hotline has been established for someone to call if they are feeling overwhelmed with stress, fear, and anxiety about the uncertainty surrounding this public health emergency. It connects them to trained, compassionate counselors who can offer support and who can direct them to mental health and substance abuse counseling services. **Call 1-866-310-7977 24/7**

COVID LA Business Help Desk

Louisiana has opened a LED help desk that provides email and hotline support for Louisiana businesses impacted by COVID-19. For COVID-19 business questions, LED may be reached at LEDbiz@la.gov or via the toll-free hotline, **(833) 457-0531**. The COVID-19 help desk is

staffed from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Friday. Be aware that high call volumes might result in delays. Callers are encouraged to keep trying, leave a voice mail or contact LED via email.