

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.

Caddo Parish Departmental Summary

- 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.

Situation in the State of Louisiana

Number of Cases: 2746

Number of Deaths: 119

54 out of 64 parishes have cases

773 patients in the hospital, 270 on ventilators

Current Situation in Caddo Parish

Number of Cases: 140

Number of Deaths: 2

Current Situation in Bossier Parish

Number of Cases: 37

Number of Deaths: 0

Other Parish Information

Number of Cases – Orleans Parish:	1170
Number of Cases – Jefferson Parish:	548
Number of Cases – East Baton Rouge Parish	124

Other Information

Governor John Bel Edwards will hold a press conference at 2:30 today.

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<https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>

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TTY: 1-800-877-8339

e-mail: disastercustomerservice@sba.gov

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