

PARISH OF CADDO

COVID-19 Daily Update Tuesday, March 31, 2020 As of 1:16 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.

Caddo Parish Departmental Information

NOTE: Caddo Parish will participate in a *joint, digital press conference* with the City of Shreveport, the Caddo Parish Sheriff, and Dr. Whyte *every Tuesday and Friday at noon*. We will stream the press conference 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.

Situation in the State of Louisiana

Number of Cases: 5237
Number of Deaths: 239
60 out of 64 parishes have cases
1,355 patients in the hospital, 438 on ventilators

Current Situation in Caddo Parish

Number of Cases: 242

Number of Deaths: 7

Current Situation in Bossier Parish

Number of Cases: 63

Number of Deaths: 1

Other Parish Information

Number of Cases – Orleans Parish: 1834

Number of Cases – Jefferson Parish: 1193

Number of Cases – East Baton Rouge Parish: 228

Other Information

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

SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans offer up to million in assistance for each affected small business. Louisiana businesses may apply as follows:

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

Call Toll Free 1-800-659-2955

TTY: 1-800-877-8339

e-mail: disastercustomerservice@sba.gov

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