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PUBLIC NOTICE

In response to the very real, serious and ongoing threat to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Louisiana posed by COVID-19, the Honorable John Bel Edwards has issued several Proclamations pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act (La. R.S. 29:221, et seq.). These Proclamations generally provide the following directives.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES AND STATE OFFICIALS

All state offices are closed to the public, although essential state functions are being continued through flex scheduling and/or remote work efforts.

STAY AT HOME ORDER

As a result of those Proclamations, all individuals within the State of Louisiana are under a general stay-at-home order and have been directed to stay home unless performing an essential activity. It was further ordered that all gatherings of ten (10) people or more shall be postponed or cancelled, except for the following essential activities:

- 1) Obtaining food, medicine and other similar goods necessary for the individual or a family member of the individual.
- 2) Obtaining non-elective medical care and treatment and other similar vital services for an individual or a family member of the individual.
- 3) Going to and from an individual's workplace to perform a job function necessary to provide goods or services described above or as otherwise deemed essential worker functions pursuant to the Guidance provided by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), which guidance can be found at <http://www.cisa.gov/identifying-critical-infrastructure-during-covid-19>.
- 4) Going to and from a place of employment remaining open in accordance with the Governor's Proclamations, provided that the employee has been designated as essential.
- 5) Going to and from the home of a family member.
- 6) Going to and from an individual's place of worship.
- 7) Engaging in outdoor activity provided individuals maintain a distance of six (6') feet from one another and abide by the 10-person limitation on gathering size.



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CLOSURE OF NON-ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES

The following nonessential businesses have been ordered to remain closed to the public and members:

- 1) All places of public amusement, whether indoors or outdoors, including, but not limited to, locations with amusement rides, carnivals, amusement parks, water parks, trampoline parks, aquariums, zoos, museums, arcades, fairs, pool halls, children's play centers, playgrounds, theme parks, any theaters, concert and music halls, adult entertainment venues, racetracks, casinos, video poker establishments, movie theaters, bowling alleys, bars and other similar businesses.
- 2) All personal care and grooming businesses, including, but not limited to, barber shops, beauty salons, nail salons, spas, massage parlors, tattoo parlors, fitness centers, gyms and other similar businesses.
- 3) All malls, except for stores in a mall that have a direct outdoor entrance and exit that provide essential services and products as provided by the CISA guidelines previously referred to.

All restaurants, cafes and coffee shops statewide have been ordered to cease allowing for any on-premises consumption of food or beverages. However, they may continue take out through curbside delivery, drive-thru and delivery services, but in no circumstances shall the food or beverage purchased be consumed on premises. Hotel restaurants may continue their operations, but only for the service of registered hotel guests via room service.

TERMINATION DATE

The various orders set forth above and contained in the Governor's Proclamations are currently set to terminate on April 30, 2020. However, that date may be extended or terminated early as a result of further Proclamations.

THESE DIRECTIVES ARE CLEARLY APPLICABLE TO THE RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES OF IBERIA PARISH. ADDITIONALLY, I PREVIOUSLY ISSUED THE FOLLOWING CURFEW.



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CURFEW

A curfew for all persons was previously issued for all areas of the Parish, including the municipalities of Delcambre, Jeanerette, Loreauville and New Iberia. The Curfew is from 10:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m. Emergency vehicles and personnel are not included in the curfew, nor does it apply to anyone going to and from their place of employment for purposes of work or any other essential business activity as specifically defined by the CISA guidelines previously referred to. This curfew will remain in effect until midnight, April 30, 2020, unless earlier rescinded or extended.

I have generally been pleased with the level of cooperation and understanding demonstrated by most of our citizens and businesses. However, the number of positive cases of COVID-19 continues to increase in Iberia Parish and five of our citizens have died as a result of this virus. Our Parish and State are facing a crucial time if we hope to reduce and ultimately stop the spread of COVID-19 and the devastating effect that it is having on the health, safety and welfare of our friends and families and our local economy.

THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE LOUISIANA HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE AND DISASTER ACT (LA. R.S. 29:221), I AM ISSUING THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL ORDERS FOR IBERIA PARISH BEGINNING AT 5:00 P.M. ON APRIL 7, 2020 AND ENDING AT MIDNIGHT ON APRIL 30, 2020, UNLESS EARLIER RESCINDED OR EXTENDED.

ADDITIONAL ORDERS

All grocery stores, dollar stores, convenience stores and “big box” stores shall be allowed to operate from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. However, they shall be limited to no more than twenty (20%) percent of the Louisiana State Fire Marshal capacity to be present in such stores at any one time. Each of the businesses referred to above shall clearly post the number of authorized occupants (20% of the Louisiana State Fire Marshal capacity) in plain view so that it might be seen by patrons desiring to enter the store. This shall be accomplished by designating a single point of entrance and a single point of exit and by counting customers as they arrive and leave. Once a store’s limit has been reached, additional arriving customers will be admitted one-by-one as a customer departs. These stores shall also implement a one person – one buggy/basket policy to help ensure that only one person per family enters the store and then for the purpose of purchasing essential items only. Now is not the time to browse and spend time in a store just to get out of your house. These stores should also implement one-way movement through its aisles whenever possible in order to improve social distancing among customers. All 24-hour pharmacies shall be allowed to continue to operate their pharmacy services only after 8:00 p.m. but must only provide drive-thru services. Convenience stores may continue to operate their fuel services after 8:00 p.m., but must cease those operations at 10:00 p.m.



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Mechanic shops, tire stores, auto parts stores and lumber/hardware stores shall be allowed to remain open to keep the essential functions of our communities operational. These shops and stores shall implement curbside and drop-off pick-up service whenever possible to limit person-to-person contact with customers. The hours of operation, customer capacity, one-person per family and one-way movement through its aisles restrictions of other stores shall also apply to those shops and stores.

Golf courses will be allowed to remain open for golf play operations only. However, golf play must be accomplished by walking or allowing only one (1) person per cart and social distancing being observed.

These orders will not apply to banks and financial institutions. However, banks, financial institutions and loan closing agencies should utilize drive-thru systems and remote signing platforms whenever possible and use innovative ways to create social distancing whenever possible.

Residential, commercial and public works construction projects may proceed, but contractors and/or subcontractors are urged to provide handwashing facilities or hand sanitizer at the jobsite, insure that shared tools and equipment are properly sanitized, plan work in such a manner that fewer than ten (10) people are working in proximity to each other, that social distancing is observed and practiced by all on-site workers, supervisors, architects and engineers.

This 6th day of April, 2020.


M. LARRY RICHARD
Iberia Parish President