

News from Plaquemines Parish Government

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COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

The Plaquemines Parish Government is monitoring COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Residents are asked to monitor local media for more information as it becomes available. For COVID-19 Testing, residents may go to Plaquemines Medical Center. The public is advised to take regular CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) precautions & protective measures at this time

Key Messages

- One hundred forty-nine (149) Positive Cases and eleven (11) deaths as April 16, 2020
- Plaquemines Medical Center have tested 131 patients. This number includes the five individuals PMC tested today on the mobile unit in Venice. Forty-four of those are positive, 73 are negative, and 14 are still pending.
- The mobile medical bus will be in Belle Chasse at the YMCA on Tuesday, April 21, from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM.
- Governor Edwards announced the closure of schools through the rest of the school year.
- [President Lepine interview with WWL Radio, Newell Normand, Wednesday, April 15th](#)
- [Phillips 66 Refinery commits \\$100K to area organization on COVID-19 front lines. \\$40,000 to PPG](#)
- The steady slowing of new cases leads us to believe we're beginning to see the impact of the Stay Home Order. That's only true if we all continue to stay home!
- [President Lepine's, Monday, April 13, 2020 Video Update](#)
- Parish-wide curfew in place 10PM-5AM
- 9-1-1 is for life-threatening emergencies only.
- Stay safe when doing essential activities:
 - **Shopping for Supplies:** send only one family member, wash hands before and after shopping, don't touch your face, and avoid close contact with others.
 - **Food Delivery:** avoid close contact with others, use sanitizing wipes, wash your hands before and after deliveries, request deliveries be left outside your door, disinfect all packaging.
 - **Essential Work:** disinfect work area often, avoid close contact with others, and meet virtually.

***NSTR (Nothing Significant To Report)**

PPSB (Plaquemines Parish School Board) & Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School

- Meals will pause April 9-17, 2020 due PPSB Spring Break Holiday

PMC (Plaquemines Medical Center)

- Monitoring and preparing.
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- Primary care is servicing their patients via telehealth.
- The dentist is doing emergency visits only.
- Dr. Wells, with LSU mental health, is doing his visits via telehealth.
- WICC is not coming down on Thursdays. They are providing services out of their main office in Gretna.
- Dr. Eubanks (OBGYN) has canceled all visits until further notice.

PPSO (Plaquemines Parish Sheriff's Office) (NSTR)

- Parish-wide curfew in place 10PM-5AM
- PPSO Administrative Offices located in Belle Chasse will be closed to the general public until further notice
- Working closely with US Marshal Service monitoring prisoners.
- If you suspect Price gouging please contact LA Attorney General, Jeff Landry's Consumer Protection, 1-800-351-4889

PPDA (Plaquemines Parish District Attorney's Office) (NSTR)

- In accordance with the State and local mandates the PPDA Office has reduced its hours of operations to the general public to 9:00AM to 3:00PM on Monday, Wednesday and Friday until further notice.
- Working closely with the Plaquemines Parish Courts, Plaquemines Parish Sheriff's Office, Plaquemines Parish Clerk's Office and the Plaquemines Parish Public Defender's Office.
- All DA Office employees now have the capability of working from home or other remote sites.
- If you need to contact our office call 504-934-6630 or email us at info@25hda.org .

Plaquemines Parish Courts (NSTR)

- **DIVISION A MARCH 2020 UPDATES:**
- Division A has continued, or converted to audio/visual conferencing, all court hearings scheduled through April 30, 2020. Division A is following the orders of the Louisiana Supreme Court and only scheduling emergency court proceedings, as needed. The public is asked not to appear at the courthouse or court offices, as notices for continued matters will be sent. Please call Division A at 504-934-6715;

check our website: 25thjdc.com; or our Facebook page: 25th Judicial District Court; for updated information.

- **DIVISION A APRIL 2020 UPDATES:**
April 14, 2020 Criminal Motions have been cancelled and reset to May 12, 2020 at 1:00pm.

DIVISION B MARCH 2020 UPDATES:

Please note the following changes to Division B April 2020 Court Dates:

1. April 27th Arraignments are continued to AUGUST 3rd
2. April 28th Misdemeanor Trials are continued to AUGUST 25th
3. April 29th Criminal Plea Day will be held by VIDEO CONFERENCE
4. April 30th Juvenile Court will be held by VIDEO CONFERENCE

Notices for continued matters will be sent - DO NOT come to the courthouse in person!

Please contact our office if you have any questions. Division B can be reached at 504-934-6730 or by email at division@25thjdc.com.

Plaquemines Parish Clerk of Court

- Working with Secretary of State in preparation for upcoming election
- Clerk Office remains staffed and open but limited to no access by the public. We are serving them in the lobby of the building. Less than 5 walk-ins per day and we discontinued birth certificates and passports.

Plaquemines Parish Fire/EMS (NSTR)

- Working closely with Plaquemines Parish Government and Department of Homeland Security in following guidelines from Federal and State Agencies as recommended
- Having all personal disinfecting and sanitizing all stations and vehicle as well as safe hygiene practices.
- In the process of procuring additional cleaning supplies and personal protective equipment.

Parish Health Department (NSTR)

- Continue to answer questions from general public discuss state mandated closures and limitations.
- Closed the Health Department to unscheduled walk-ins.
- Continued with email correspondence from LDH and Plaquemines Office of Emergency Preparedness regarding any new mandates and guidance.

Plaquemines Port Harbor & Terminal District (NSTR)

- PPHTD has put signage for proper hand washing and good hygiene.
- In addition, added hand sanitizer stations at the Port office and all vessels.
- We are following the lead of Coast Guard regarding vessel monitoring and security.

Plaquemines Parish Economic Development and Tourism

- Disaster Assistance available for affected businesses through the Small Business Administration(SBA) Please contact them today to apply. www.sba.gov/disaster

- If you are out of work because your workplace closed in response to COVID-19 you are eligible for unemployment compensation. Please laworks.net for more information.
- Cares act passed by Congress: The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act includes a important provision aimed at keeping workers employed and small businesses afloat. For a breakdown of the program click here
- Entergy Small Business Webinar: Entergy will be hosting a webinar at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 9, including U.S. Rep. Garret Graves; LED Secretary Don Pierson; and Stephen Waguespack, president and CEO of LABI; who will provide insights to help navigate newly created assistance programs. Here's the link to join the webinar Thursday morning and any specific questions for the panelists can be emailed ahead of time to bizqa@entergy.com.

Belle Chasse YMCA/Port Sulphur YMCA/ Buras YMCA

- Three O'clock Project and Revolution Foods Grab-N-Go Meals, 3PM-5PM, 8101 LA-23, Belle Chasse, LA 70037

Chevron Oronite – Oak Point Plant (NSTR)

- Evaluating our workforce to provide alternative working schedules as needed.
- Regularly updating our workforce as we receive more information and encouraging everyone to focus on the health and safety of their families, minimizing their exposure, and practicing good hand hygiene.
- Oak Point is taking precautionary measures to reduce the risk of exposure, including screening workers and visitors at company facilities.

Alliance Refinery-Phillips 66 (NSTR)

- No changes in the operational plans for refinery employees
- [Phillips 66 Refinery commits \\$100K to area organization on COVID-19 front lines. \\$40,000 to PPG](#)
- Increase cleaning and healthy practices throughout facility
- Sanitizing done numerous times a day
- Non-business critical staff to work remotely

Riverbend Nursing & Rehab (NSTR)

- Facility is closed to all visitors, vendors, providers, etc. (only staff and residents)
- All non-critical appointments for our residents have been rescheduled
- All staff are screened prior to entering the facility
- Daily in services are being provided on infection control, proper hand washing technique, proper technique for application and removal of PPE
- In addition to regular cleaning, common areas and flat services are being disinfected 3x per day using Super Sani-cloth germicidal disposable wipes
- All departments have stocked up all emergency supplies to prepare for a shelter-in-place event.

The mission of Plaquemines Parish government is to provide high quality, efficient services to sustain and enhance the quality of life for all residents of Plaquemines Parish

(OTHER EMERGENCIES)Any questions may be directed to the Plaquemines Parish Emergency Operations Center at (504) 297-5660 24 hours a day. Parish social media sites will be updated as necessary at <https://www.facebook.com/plaqueminesgovernment/> <https://www.facebook.com/PPOHSEP/>