

News from Plaquemines Parish Government

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COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

Now more than ever, it is critically important that PPG continue delivering critical health and safety services to our community. As of Monday, March 23, 2020, these critical parish services will continue without interruption, while other departments will either operate on an abbreviated schedule or close until further notice.

Key Messages

- Eight (8) Positive Cases as March 23, 2020
- Plaquemines Medical Center received 300 more COVID-19 Testing kits
- Plaquemines Parish Council & Port Meetings scheduled for Thursday, March 27, 2020 cancelled
- Water, Sewerage, Drainage, Grass Cutting, and Garbage Operations and critical parish infrastructure and improvement projects will continue. We are committed to providing the best and most efficient services possible during this unprecedented time. Garbage collection will continue by providing for the collection of containerized household garbage twice per week.
- Water Billing and Collections: In order to comply with the CDC's recommendation to practice social distancing, all residents and businesses are encouraged to pay their bills online at <https://bit.ly/2wtQTC2>.
- Ferry Department: Starting Tuesday, March 24, 2020, the Pointe-a-la-Hache will operate 6AM-8AM and 6PM-8PM
- Social distancing is absolutely critical right now to slow the spread, protect our vulnerable community members, and prevent the healthcare system from becoming overwhelmed.

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

- PPSB and OLPH Food Service Department has suspended a grab-and-go breakfast and lunch until further notice

PMC (Plaquemines Medical Center)

- Monitoring and preparing.
- Plaquemines Medical Center received 300 more COVID-19 Testing kits

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

- 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

Plaquemines Parish Courts (NSTR)

- **DIVISION A MARCH 2020 UPDATES:**
- Division A of the 25th JDC offices are open. We are working with a skeleton crew through April 14th and handling all emergency matters as directed by the Louisiana Supreme Court.
March 17, 2020 Criminal Pre-trials have been cancelled and reset to May 19, 2020 at 1:00pm.
March 19, 2020 Traffic Court has been cancelled and reset to July 16, 2020 at 1:00pm.
March 30, 2020 Arraignment has been cancelled and reset to May 11, 2020 at 1:00pm.
- **DIVISION A APRIL 2020 UPDATES:**
April 2, 2020 Misdemeanor Trials have been cancelled and reset to July 2, 2020 at 1:00pm.
April 14, 2020 Criminal Motions have been cancelled and reset to May 12, 2020 at 1:00pm.
- Please note: If you have been subpoenaed for GRAND Jury on Thursday, March 26th for Division A with Judge Kevin Conner, that matter has been reset for May 7, 2020.
- Subpoenas for the new date of May 7th will be issued - you DO NOT have to appear March 26th as a Grand Juror.

DIVISION B MARCH 2020 UPDATES:

As per Judge Michael Clement, 25th JDC Division B Court Schedule UPDATES

- **DIVISION B MARCH UPDATES:**
3/24/2020 - Misdemeanor Trials are cancelled and reset for May 26, 2020
- 3/25/2020 - Criminal Plea Day and Executory matters are cancelled and reset for May 27, 2020
- 3/26/2020 - JUVENILE COURT all matters scheduled for Juvenile court are continued and are reset for April 30, 2020
- **DIVISION B APRIL UPDATES:**
4/8/2020 - Criminal Motions have been cancelled and reset for June 3, 2020
4/13/2020 - Petit Jury Week is cancelled

Plaquemines Parish Clerk of Court (NSTR)

- 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 (NSTR)

- Disaster Assistance available for affected businesses through the Small Business Administration(SBA) Please contact them today to apply. www.sba.gov/disaster
- IRS Extends Tax filing deadline to July, 15
- PPED Cosponsors letter to congressional delegation in support of GNO Inc's Capital Relief Program.
- 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.

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
- Port Sulphur and Buras YMCA Grab-N-Go Meals, 11:30AM-1:30PM

Louisiana SPCA Plaquemines Parish Campus (NSTR)

- In response to the recommendations put forth by the Center for Disease Control regarding social distancing, beginning Wednesday, March 18, the Louisiana SPCA will require all visitors to schedule an appointment to limit the number of people inside each facility at one time.

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
- 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
- Emergency stock supply has been obtained for most items (exception is masks) and is secure in the event of a facility outbreak
- 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/>

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