

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. The public is advised to take regular CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) precautions & protective measures at this time.

Key Messages

- [Thursday, March 19, 2020 Press Conference](#)
- Four Positive Cases as March 21, 2020
- (9 Test Given at Plaquemines Medical Center, all results pending)
- PMC has requested more test
- Social distancing is absolutely critical right now to slow the spread, protect our vulnerable community members, and prevent the healthcare system from becoming overwhelmed.

Plaquemines Parish Community Action Agency Department Update:

Transportation

- Drivers are disinfecting the buses and transporting the medically necessity

CAA Utility Assistance

- Utility assistance program is on hold until after April 1, 2020

Event Postponements & Cancellations (NSTR)

- April 7, 2020: Town Hall Meeting Discussing Boat Harbors and Shipyards; Postponed.

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

- PPSB Food Service Department will provide a grab-and-go breakfast and lunch at no cost. The scheduled times at all schools (excluding Plaquemines

Learning Center) will be 8:30 -10:00 a.m. for breakfast and 11:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m. for lunch.

- OLPH grab-n-go breakfast and lunch 10AM-12PM

PMC (Plaquemines Medical Center)

- Monitoring and preparing.
- More COVID-19 Test Requested
- 20 testing kits (9 Test Given, pending results)

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:**
 - 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)

- Presidential Preference Primary Election in Plaquemines Parish has been moved from April 4th to June 20th and the General Election has also been moved from May 9th to July 25th
- Passport and birth/death certificate service is suspended until further notice

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)

- Fielded questions from food retail community to discuss state mandated closures and limitations.
- Closed the Health Department to unscheduled walk-ins. Posted note on entrance to call the Health Department for further assistance.
- Continued with email correspondence from LDH regarding employment policy, 211, and FAQ's.

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.
- The Port is conducting business as usual. All personnel are expected in to work on Monday unless need to work from home due to school closures.
- We are following the lead of Coast Guard regarding vessel monitoring and security.
- Due to the current situation, we are suspending use of PPHTD vessels to bring USCG Boarding teams to ships effective immediately. In addition, we will only make Contact with other Mariners and Vessels in the PPHTD'S DISTRICT on a case by case basis after all the proper agencies have been notified.

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 (NSTR)

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

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)

- NO confirmed or suspected cases within our facility
- 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/>

& <https://www.facebook.com/PPOHSEP/> and <https://twitter.com/PlaqGov>

