

Livingston Parish

Office of the President and
Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness

LAYTON RICKS Parish President

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Declaration of Emergency Public Health: COVID-19

Updated

WHEREAS, the Parish of Livingston has declared a State of Emergency due to the public health threat from the virus named "SARS-CoV-2" and the disease it causes, named "Coronavirus Disease 2019" (abbreviated COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, on 11 March 2020, Louisiana Governor John Bell Edwards issued Proclamation Number 25 JBE 2020 regarding the Public Health Emergency – COVID-19, declaring an imminent threat posed to Louisiana citizens by the virus, creating emergency conditions that threaten the lives and health of the citizens of the State; and

WHEREAS, on 13 March 2020, Louisiana Governor John Bell Edwards also issued Proclamation Number JBE 2020 – 27, detailing additional measures for COVID-19 with aggressive measures for limiting the possible interaction of the public with individuals exposed to or infected with COVID-19, limiting large public gatherings, closure of schools until 13 April 2020; and

WHEREAS, on 15 March 2020, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) provided guidance regarding large events and mass gatherings, stating that such events can contribute to the spread of COVID-19 in the United States via travelers who attend events and introduce the virus to new communities. Examples of large events and mass gatherings include conferences, festivals, parades, concerts, sporting events, weddings, and other types of assemblies. These events can be planned not only by organizations and communities but also by individuals. Therefore, CDC, in accordance with its guidance for large events and mass gatherings, recommends that for the next eight weeks, organizers (whether groups or individuals) cancel or postpone in-person events that consist of 50 people or more throughout the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Layton Ricks, President of Livingston Parish, do hereby proclaim a state of emergency to exist in Livingston Parish and do direct:

 Livingston Parish employees shall report to work locations for normal Parish duties on Monday, 16 March 2020 until further notice. This directive will be re-evaluated as further information becomes available from the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals and the Center for Disease Control. 2. Per the guidance provided by the CDC, all large events and mass gatherings of fifty (50) people or more, to include conferences, festivals, parades, concerts, sporting events, etc., within the Parish shall be canceled or postponed until, at least, 13 April 2020. This directive will be re-evaluated as further information becomes available from the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals and the Center for Disease Control.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the seals of Livingston Parish and the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness this the 13th

day of March 2020.

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Parish of Livingston

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