



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

JOHN BEL EDWARDS

### **Stay at Home Order**

To further combat the spread of COVID-19 in Louisiana, Gov. Edwards issued a Stay at Home Order today--directing all Louisiana residents to shelter at home and limit movements outside of their homes beyond essential needs.

#### **YOU CAN**

- Go to the grocery, convenience or warehouse store
- Go to the pharmacy to pick up medications and other healthcare necessities
- Go to medical appointments (check with your doctor or provider first)
- Go to a restaurant for take-out, delivery or drive-thru
- Care for or support a friend or family member
- Take a walk, ride your bike, hike, jog and be in nature for exercise — just keep at least six feet between you and others
- Walk your pets and take them to the veterinarian if necessary
- Help someone to get necessary supplies
- Receive deliveries from any business which delivers

#### **YOU SHOULD NOT**

- Go to work unless you are providing essential services as defined by this Order
- Visit friends and family if there is no urgent need
- Maintain less than 6 feet of distance from others when you go out
- Visit loved ones in the hospital, nursing home, skilled nursing facility or other residential care facility, except for limited exceptions as provided on the facility websites.

#### **What is the difference between “Stay at Home” and “social distancing”?**

Stay at home is a stricter form of social distancing.

Stay at home means:

- Stay home (stay unexposed and do not expose others)
- Only go out for essential services
- Stay six feet or more away from others
- Don't gather in groups



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***ADDITIONAL MEASURES FOR COVID-19  
STAY AT HOME***

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- WHEREAS,** pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, La. R.S. 29:721, *et seq.*, the Governor declared a Public Health emergency in Proclamation Number 25 JBE 2020 in response to the threat posed by COVID-19;
- WHEREAS,** on March 11, 2020, in Emergency Proclamation Number 25 JBE 2020, the Governor declared that a statewide public health emergency exists in the State of Louisiana because of COVID-19 and expressly empowered the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness and the Secretary of the Department of Health and/or the State Health Officer to take all actions authorized under state law;
- WHEREAS,** on March 13, 2020, in Emergency Proclamation Number 27 JBE 2020, the Governor supplemented the measures taken in his declaration of a Public Health Emergency with additional restrictions and suspensions of deadlines and regulations in order to protect the health and safety of the public because of COVID-19;
- WHEREAS,** the extraordinary threat posed by COVID-19 has caused critical shortages of health care equipment, personal protective equipment, and possible shortages in hospital beds, throughout the state;
- WHEREAS,** without additional measures to slow the spread of COVID-19 in the state, health care facilities in parts of the state or even throughout the state are at significant risk of being overwhelmed;
- WHEREAS,** in line with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and after consultation with the State Health Officer and the Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease, it is clear that additional measures are necessary to protect the health and safety of the public, to mitigate the impact of COVID-19, and to disrupt the spread of the virus;
- WHEREAS,** after declaration of a public health emergency, the Governor is authorized by La. R.S. 29:766(D)(7) to control "ingress and egress to and from a disaster area, the movement of persons within the area, and the occupancy of premises therein";
- WHEREAS,** in addition to the temporary closure of certain businesses ordered because of this emergency in Section 2 of Proclamation Number 30 JBE 2020, certain additional businesses need to be temporarily closed to the public during this emergency;
- WHEREAS,** further, in addition to businesses closed to the public by this order, other businesses throughout the state will need to reduce operations to continue with minimum contact with members of the public and only essential employees, while requiring proper social distancing;
- WHEREAS,** these measures relating to closure of certain businesses and to limit the operations of non-essential businesses are necessary because of the propensity of the COVID-19 virus to spread via personal interactions and because of physical contamination of property due to its ability to attach to surfaces for prolonged periods of time; and

**WHEREAS,** these measures are necessary to protect the health and safety of the people of Louisiana.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, JOHN BEL EDWARDS,** Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

**SECTION 1:** All state office buildings are closed to the public, effective immediately. However, essential state functions shall continue.

**SECTION 2:** Section 1 of Proclamation Number 30 JBE 2020 is hereby amended as follows:

In an effort to reduce and limit the spread of COVID-19 in Louisiana, and to preserve the health and safety of all members of the public, all gatherings of **10** people or more shall be postponed or cancelled. This applies only to gatherings in a single space at the same time where individuals will be in close proximity to one another. It does not apply to normal operations at locations like airports, medical facilities, office buildings, factories or manufacturing facilities, or grocery stores. This provision may be extended beyond Monday, April 13, 2020 by further order.

**SECTION 3:** To preserve the public health and safety, and to ensure the healthcare system is capable of serving all citizens in need, especially those at high risk and vulnerable to COVID-19, all individuals within the state of Louisiana are under a general stay-at-home order and are directed to stay home unless performing an essential activity. An activity is essential if the purpose of the activity is one of the following:

- A. Obtaining food, medicine, and other similar goods necessary for the individual or a family member of the individual.
- B. Obtaining non-elective medical care and treatment and other similar vital services for an individual or a family member of the individual.
- C. Going to and from an individual's workplace to perform a job function necessary to provide goods or services being sought in Subsections (A) and (B) of this Section, or as otherwise deemed essential worker functions. Guidance provided by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) on what workers are essential is outlined at <https://www.cisa.gov/identifying-critical-infrastructure-during-covid-19>.
- D. Going to and from the home of a family member.
- E. Going to and from an individual's place of worship.
- F. Engaging in outdoor activity, provided individuals maintain a distance of six feet from one another and abide by the 10-person limitation on gathering size established in this proclamation.

**SECTION 4:** (A) Further, in addition to businesses that are closed to the public pursuant to Proclamation Number 30 JBE 2020, the following nonessential businesses shall be 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, 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, 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 CISA guidelines.
- (B) Businesses closed to the public pursuant to this provision shall not be prohibited from conducting necessary activities such as payroll, cleaning services, maintenance or upkeep as necessary.

**SECTION 5:** Any business not covered by the guidance from the CISA discussed in Section 3 and not ordered temporarily closed in Section 4 shall reduce operations to continue with minimum contact with members of the public and essential employees, while requiring proper social distancing. Further, the 10-person limitation on gathering size shall apply to such business operations. Early learning centers and child care facilities adhering to the guidance issued by the Louisiana Department of Education and Office of Public Health may continue to operate.

**SECTION 6:** The Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness is directed to ensure compliance with this order, and is empowered to exercise all authorities pursuant to La. R.S. 29:721, *et seq.*, and La. R.S. 29:760, *et seq.*

**SECTION 7:** Unless otherwise provided in this order, these provisions are effective from 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 23, 2020 to Monday, April 13, 2020, unless terminated sooner.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2020.

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GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE**

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**SECRETARY OF STATE**



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# COVID-19 Statewide Stay at Home Order

## Additional Illustrative Examples of Critical Infrastructure Businesses Consistent with Cyber and Infrastructure Security Agency Guidance

*Updated: Sunday, March 22*

On Sunday, March 22, Gov. Edwards issued a Stay at Home order, which puts some limits on business operating in Louisiana as the Governor seeks to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in the state and flatten the curve. For the purposes of this Stay at Home order, Proclamation Number 33 JBE 2020, businesses consistent with guidance from the Cyber and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) may remain open and individuals may leave their residence to perform any work necessary to provision, operate, and maintain these businesses.

The following business categories are consistent with the CISA guidance:

**Essential Infrastructure.** This includes, but is not limited:

- Food production, distribution, and sale
- Construction, including, but not limited to, construction required in response to this public health emergency, hospital construction, construction of long-term care facilities, public works construction, and housing construction
- Construction Engineers
- Building management and maintenance
- Airport operations
- Operation and maintenance of utilities, including water, sewer, and gas
- Electrical, including power generation, distribution, and production of raw materials
- Distribution centers
- Oil and biofuel refining
- Roads, highways, railroads, and public transportation
- Ports
- Cybersecurity operations
- Flood control
- Solid waste and recycling collection and removal
- Internet, video, and telecommunications systems (including the provision of essential global, national, and local infrastructure for computing services, business infrastructure, communications, and web-based services)



**Organizations that provide charitable and social services.** Businesses and religious and secular nonprofit organizations, including food banks, when providing food, shelter, and social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals, individuals who need assistance as a result of this emergency, and people with disabilities.

**Hardware and supply stores.** Hardware stores and businesses that sell electrical, plumbing, and heating material.

**Critical trades.** Building and Construction Tradesmen and Tradeswomen, and other trades including but not limited to:

- Plumbers
- Electricians
- Exterminators
- Cleaning and janitorial staff for commercial and governmental properties
- Security staff
- Operating engineers
- HVAC
- Painting
- Moving and relocation services

**Supplies for Essential Businesses and Operations.** Businesses that sell, manufacture, or supply other Essential Businesses and Operations with the support or materials necessary to operate, including:

- Computers
- Audio and video electronics
- Household appliances
- IT and telecommunication equipment
- Hardware
- Paint
- Flat glass
- Electrical, plumbing and heating material
- Sanitation equipment
- Personal hygiene products
- Food, food additives, ingredients and components
- Medical and orthopedic equipment
- Optics and photography equipment
- Diagnostics, food and beverages, chemicals, soaps and detergent
- Firearm and ammunition suppliers and retailers for purposes of safety and security

**Residential facilities and shelters.** Residential facilities and shelters for adults, seniors, children, and/or people with developmental disabilities, intellectual disabilities, substance use disorders, and/or mental illness, and domestic abuse shelters.

**Manufacture, distribution, and supply chain for critical products and industries.**

Manufacturing companies, distributors, and supply chain companies producing and supplying essential products and services in and for industries such as:

- Pharmaceutical
- Technology
- Biotechnology
- Healthcare
- Chemicals
- Sanitization
- Waste pickup and disposal
- Agriculture
- Food and beverage
- Transportation
- Energy
- Steel and steel products
- Petroleum and fuel
- Mining
- Construction
- National defense
- Communications
- Other products used by other Essential Businesses and Operations.

**Hotels and motels.** Hotels and motels, to the extent used for lodging and delivery or carry-out food services.



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## **Frequently Asked Questions: COVID-19 Statewide Stay at Home Order**

Updated: Sunday, March 22, 2020

On Sunday, March 22nd, Gov. Edwards signed a Stay at Home order directing all Louisiana residents to stay at home as much as possible for the next several weeks to slow the spread of COVID-19 in Louisiana. The number of cases and deaths continues to rise in Louisiana, and it is necessary to take additional aggressive action to prevent the spread of illness and protect the health and safety of the public. What Louisiana is doing through mitigation measures like closures and restrictions is sometimes called “flattening the curve.” These actions aim to reduce the number of cases in Louisiana so that our state does not overrun its health care capacity.

### **What is a Stay at Home order?**

A Stay at Home order is the Governor directing people to avoid going out in public unless it is absolutely necessary.

### **Why is this Stay at Home order necessary?**

Right now, COVID-19 is spreading rapidly throughout our state and some of our communities and, without taking additional measures, Louisiana’s health care system will have more sick people than it can care for. The state is working to increase its health care capacity, but people also need to take measures to prevent the spread of this illness. Our medical community is working overtime to take care of people who are sick, but it needs help from the public to keep even more people from needing care.

### **When is it okay for me to leave my home?**

People can leave their homes to do things like buy groceries or food, pick up medicine or go to work if their job is essential. If you have to go out, make sure you practice social distancing measures and keep 6 feet between you and the people around you. Also: people are encouraged to go outside and to stay active during this time, as long as they practice social distancing when they are around their neighbors.



### **What if I need to get tested for coronavirus or to go to the doctor?**

People can leave their homes for medical treatment or to get testing, but they should call their health care provider or doctor before doing so for advice. Your doctor may be able to help you via telemedicine or decide if you need to be tested by asking you questions on the phone. Do not show up to a testing site without consulting a medical professional first, because you may need a doctor's order to qualify for a test. Unless it is an emergency, do not go to a health care facility without calling first, because you may put yourself at risk of being exposed to COVID-19.

### **What businesses and jobs are considered essential?**

Health care workers, public safety employees, some government workers, staff of grocery stores and restaurants and employees of some business are generally considered essential workers. Businesses like manufacturers and utilities have to continue operations to support our communities.

In general, the state of Louisiana follows guidance from the federal Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) about what infrastructure and businesses are "critical" during the COVID-19 outbreak. For more detailed information from CISA, visit this site: <https://www.cisa.gov/identifying-critical-infrastructure-during-covid-19>

### **How will this order be enforced?**

The state is working with local law enforcement to support the order. There have been rumors about military control or martial law being declared. These rumors are false.

### **Why is this order statewide? There are not a lot of cases confirmed in my area.**

COVID-19 is rapidly spreading throughout the state and we know that some people do not show symptoms for 14 days, even if they are sick. Just because no one has tested positive in your community doesn't mean that no one is sick. By enacting this Stay at Home order statewide, Gov. Edwards is working to slow the spread of COVID-19 and flatten the curve.

### **Is the Governor closing Louisiana's borders and declaring martial law?**

No. This is a rumor and is not based in fact. Members of Louisiana's National Guard are deployed in Louisiana to help support local testing sites, so you may see members of the military in your community. Martial law has not been declared. Louisiana's borders are not closed.

### **When is the Stay at Home order going to be lifted?**

The Stay at Home order is in place until the morning of Monday, April 13, which is when schools are scheduled to re-open. Governor Edwards will re-evaluate the order before it expires to make sure that it doesn't need to be restricted.

### **Where can people get more information about what the State of Louisiana is doing in response to the COVID-19 Outbreak?**

The Governor's office is constantly updating its website at [gov.louisiana.gov](http://gov.louisiana.gov), as is the Louisiana Department of Health at [ldh.la.gov/Coronavirus](http://ldh.la.gov/Coronavirus). You can also call 211 for general information about COVID-19 and to get connected to help and resources.