



# WASHINGTON PARISH

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As of 930 A.M. on Thursday, March 19, 2020, the Louisiana Department of Health is reporting 347 cases of COVID19 in Louisiana, of which two cases were identified as being Washington Parish residents. There have been 8 confirmed deaths and a total of 805 test completed.

As your Parish President, I urge all citizens of Washington Parish to heed the guidelines given by the Center for Disease Control, The Louisiana Department of Health and the executive orders issued by Governor John Bel Edwards, especially social distancing. I am adjusting my workforce and encouraging sick employees to stay home and working with those employees that don't have proper childcare due to school closures. Additionally, I am limiting access to the general public in order to protect my employees and limiting face to face contact within parish government.

Please continue to wash your hands often for at least 20 seconds, cover your cough, stay away from sick people and more importantly stay home if you are sick. I cannot stress enough how important it is for everyone to take actions to reduce the risk of getting sick, by practicing social distancing and unnecessary travel.

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