

WASHINGTON PARISH

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While much is still unknown about COVID 19, it has become quite clear that social distancing is an effective way to slow the spread. In fact, according to CDC, social distancing is currently the most effective way to slow the spread of COVID-19. But in order for it to be 100% effective, we can't just practice it once a week or every other day, it must be done on a daily basis.

The Governor of Louisiana recently reference data from **UNACAST** showing Louisiana's social distancing report card as of yesterday was a C minus and while most citizens of Washington Parish are doing their part our overall score for Washington Parish is a "D". According the same data source used by the Governor the overall "D" score for Washington Parish is averaged from three studies.

- 1-Our mobile activity based on miles traveled within our parish scored a "F". This study showed only a 25% reduction in mobility now as compared to before COVID-19.
- 2- On a second note, it appears in the study our parish has less than 55% reduction in non-essential visits.
- 3- The study did reveal that our citizens decreased density encounters by 82%-94% which earned us a "B" rating. This study proves the citizens of our parish are willing and trying to stop the spread, showing the low probability that two devices were in the same place at the same time.

However, I believe as a parish, our report card could earn a better average grade.

I would ask that each of you use social media, email, text messaging to help get the word out about the importance of following CDC guidelines so we can get our parish back up and running.


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