

WASHINGTON PARISH

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Governor Edwards has ordered a statewide mask mandate for those citizens above the age of 8 unless a health condition makes it difficult, bars will close but can provide curbside service and gatherings are limited to 50 people (weddings, showers, parties, etc). These changes went in effect today, Monday, July 13, 2020. As he stated in his press conference, these decisions will be unpopular but are needed to avoid further restrictions.

This mandate is something that I definitely did not want to see issued, however, It is extremely important that all restrictions under Phase 2 and those listed above be strictly adhered to or we could very well find ourselves returning to the so-called phase 1 re-opening. That would definitely break our economy and cripple our parish.

As I have stated in previous memos, I feel it is important to make the extra effort to remind our businesses just how important it is to protect your employees and our public. I urge all essential businesses and non essential that are allowed to remain open to do their part to be compliant with the executive orders set forth by Governor Edwards. I urge every single person in our parish to take control and help stop the spread of this virus.



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