



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

PROCLAMATION NUMBER 15 CLS 2020

**PROMULGATION OF AND CONTINUATION OF ADDITIONAL MEASURES FOR
STATE OF EMERGENCY - CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)**

- WHEREAS,** the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, La. R.S. 29:721 *et seq.*, confers upon the President of the Parish of Jefferson powers to deal with emergencies and disasters, including those caused by fire, flood, earthquake or other natural or manmade causes, in order to ensure that the preparations of this parish will be adequate to respond to such emergencies or disasters and to preserve the lives and property of the people of the Parish of Jefferson; and
- WHEREAS,** La. R.S. 29:727(D) empowers the President of the Parish of Jefferson to declare a local disaster or emergency, which shall continue until the President finds that the threat of danger has been dealt with to the extent that emergency conditions no longer exist; and
- WHEREAS,** on March 12, 2020, Proclamation No. 01 CLS 2020 was issued, which declared a state of emergency to exist within and throughout the Parish of Jefferson as a result of the novel coronavirus named SARS-CoV-2 and the respiratory disease caused by it known as Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); and
- WHEREAS,** on March 18, 2020, Proclamation No. 02 CLS 2020 was issued, which suspended the provisions of the Code of Ordinances relative to the requirement that a permit be obtained prior to erecting temporary signage on public rights-of-way, and temporarily transferred the functions of the Personnel Director and Personnel Board to the Office of the Parish President for the purpose of promulgating an emergency rule regarding civil leave without loss of pay; and
- WHEREAS,** on March 23, 2020, Proclamation No. 03 CLS 2020 was issued, which closed a number of Parish buildings and offices to the public; and
- WHEREAS,** on April 9, 2020, Proclamation No. 04 CLS 2020 was issued, which extended the emergency rule promulgated in Section 1 of Proclamation No. 02 CLS 2020 until 11:59 p.m. on April 17, 2020, extended the other additional measures promulgated by Proclamation Nos. 02 CLS 2020 and 03 CLS 2020 until April 30, 2020, and suspended certain procurement provisions of the Code of Ordinances of Jefferson Parish, Louisiana pertaining to the procurement of any goods or services necessary to respond to the emergency; and
- WHEREAS,** on May 1, 2020, Proclamation No. 05 CLS 2020 was issued, which stated that Jefferson Parish Government will follow the pay rules promulgated by the federal government in the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) which established the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act (EPSLA), and extended a number of additional measures previously promulgated by Proclamation Nos. 02 CLS 2020, 03 CLS 2020, and 04 CLS 2020; and
- WHEREAS,** on May 15, 2020, Proclamation No. 06 CLS 2020 was issued, which extended a number of additional measures previously promulgated by Proclamation Nos. 02



CLS 2020, 03 CLS 2020, and 04 CLS 2020, and stated that Jefferson Parish Government will follow the pay rules promulgated by the federal government in the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) which established the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act (EPSLA), but that emergency responders may be excluded from receiving paid sick leave under “The Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act” or expanded family and medical leave under “The Emergency Family and Medical Leave Expansion Act”; and

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2020, Proclamation No. 07 CLS 2020 was issued, which and extended a number of previously promulgated measures and instituted additional protocols concerning the reopening of certain Jefferson Parish facilities in conjunction with the transition into Phase 2 of Resilient Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2020, Proclamation No. 09 CLS 2020 was issued, which extended a number of previously promulgated measures; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2020, Proclamation No. 10 CLS 2020 was issued, which requires the wearing of face masks or face coverings in the situations specified therein, and provides for exemptions, penalties and enforcement; and

WHEREAS, on July 24, 2020, Proclamation No. 11 CLS 2020 was issued, which extended a number of previously promulgated measures; and

WHEREAS, on August 7, 2020, Proclamation No. 12 CLS 2020 was issued, which extended a number of previously promulgated measures; and

WHEREAS, on August 27, 2020, Proclamation No. 14 CLS 2020 was issued, which extended a number of previously promulgated measures; and

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards issued Proclamation No. 117 JBE 2020, which promulgated measures relative to the advancement to Phase 3 of Resilient Louisiana to September 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to promulgate additional measures relative to Jefferson Parish’s advancement into Phase 3 of Resilient of Louisiana and to once again extend some of the additional measures promulgated by Proclamation Nos. 02 CLS 2020, 03 CLS 2020, 04 CLS 2020, 05 CLS 2020, 06 CLS 2020, 07 CLS 2020, 09 CLS 2020; 11 CLS 2020, 12 CLS 2020, and 14 CLS 2020; and

WHEREAS, these measures are necessary to protect the health and safety of the people of Jefferson Parish.

NOW THEREFORE, I, CYNTHIA LEE SHENG, President of the Parish of Jefferson, by virtue of the authority vested by the laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: Jefferson Parish Government will follow the pay rules promulgated by the federal government in the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) which established the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act (EPSLA) and the Emergency Family and Medical Leave Expansion Act (EFMLEA). However, pursuant to 29 CFR Part 826.30, the following Jefferson Parish Government employees may be excluded from receiving paid sick leave under “The Emergency Paid Sick Leave Act” or expanded family and medical leave under “The Emergency Family and Medical Leave Expansion Act.” For purposes herein, Jefferson Parish Government employees excluded from these provisions include:

- 1) Emergency responders, which is defined as any employee who is necessary for the provision of transport, care, health care, comfort, and nutrition of such patients, or others needed for the response to COVID-19. This includes but is not limited to military or national guard, law enforcement officers, correctional institution personnel, fire fighters, emergency medical services personnel, physicians, nurses, public health personnel, emergency medical



technicians, paramedics, emergency management personnel, 911 operators, public works personnel, and persons with skills or training in operating specialized equipment or other skills needed to provide aid in a declared emergency as well as individuals who work for such facilities employing these individuals and whose work is necessary to maintain the operation of the facility.

SECTION 2:

That the provisions of the Code of Ordinances of Jefferson Parish, Louisiana relative to the requirement that a permit be obtained prior to erecting temporary signage on public rights of way are hereby suspended, subject to the following limitations: (1.) the temporary signage shall be installed without obstructing the view of traffic; (2.) the temporary signage shall not hinder the use of sidewalks; (3.) the signage shall be no larger than 36" x 36" in size; and (4.) the temporary signage erected may only advertise or inform the public relative to the operations of a Jefferson Parish business that is licensed to serve food.

SECTION 3:

To reduce the burden on members of the public and to limit the interactions of individuals with Jefferson Parish employees in governmental offices, individuals are encouraged to continue to access services online or by phone. Parish departments located within these buildings remain open. Appointments are recommended for any in-person business that cannot be accomplished remotely. All employees and visitors who need to gain access to Jefferson Parish Government buildings and facilities will be required to wear a mask or face covering and undergo a temperature screening prior to entry. Additionally, the following protocols are implemented:

1. Jefferson Parish Transit Department (JeT): All riders must wear a face covering or mask upon boarding. Fare collection has been reinstated.
2. Jefferson Parish Library System: The Jefferson Parish Library is open to the public, but hours may vary by branch. Patrons can request and reserve items to pick up via curbside service or inside via self-checkout or counter service. Distanced computers will be available for use by advanced reservation and distanced seating will be available inside for patrons use. Meeting and study rooms will be open, but are subject to the capacity limitations established by the State of Louisiana for Phase 3. Patrons must wear a face covering or mask and undergo a temperature screening prior to entering.
3. Jefferson Parish Parks and Recreation Department (JPRD): All citizens should avoid close contact with others when using parks and facilities. JPRD Facilities open in Phase 3 include tennis courts, batting cages, dog parks, fishing piers, disc golf, boardwalks, fields and open green space (under social distancing guidelines), outdoor restrooms, outdoor water fountains, outdoor exercise equipment, tot lots, shelters, meeting rooms/rental reservations (50% capacity if no social distancing is possible), carousel and spray parks (50% capacity if no social distancing is possible), Johnny Jacobs Pool, and concession stands. Non-contact sports, solo sports and camps will continue. JPRD Leisure Services classes will continue at 50% of enrollment capacity. JPRD Facilities and Programs that were closed in Phase 2 but will be open in Phase 3 include contact sports and outdoor basketball goals. All senior programs, including Golden Age programming, will resume under strict COVID prevention guidelines. Patrons and program participants are encouraged to visit www.JPRD.com for additional information concerning facility/program restrictions and re-opening/enrollment dates.
4. Alario Center: Alario Center remains closed to the public at this time.



- 5. Jefferson Parish Animal Shelter: Jefferson Parish Animal Shelters are open to the public by appointment-only. Individuals must wear a face covering or mask and undergo a temperature screening prior to entering. Animal Control will increase services and continue to respond to emergency calls, including issues of aggressive or injured animals
- 6. Citizens' Affairs: The Department of Citizens' Affairs will issue special event permits adhering to state guidelines which call for keeping 6 feet of social distancing. Applicants must submit a plan for special events that adhere to state guidelines.
- 7. Jefferson Parish Government buildings and facilities: Jefferson Parish buildings and facilities will be open to the public; however, individuals are encouraged to continue to access services online or by phone.

Please visit the Jefferson Parish Government website (<http://www.jeffparish.net>) for announced closures and scheduled reopenings.

SECTION 4: That the provisions of Division 2 and Division 3.1 of Article VII of Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances of Jefferson Parish, Louisiana are hereby suspended with respect to the procurement of any goods or services necessary to respond to this emergency. The suspension provided for in this section is retroactive to the commencement of the emergency on March 12, 2020.

SECTION 5: Except as otherwise provided in this order, these provisions shall be effective from September 11, 2020 to October 9, 2020, or as extended by any subsequent proclamation, unless terminated sooner.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially on this 11th day of September, 2020 at _____ .m.

Cynthia Lee Stier

 PRESIDENT, PARISH OF JEFFERSON

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