



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

PROCLAMATION NUMBER 10 CLS 2020

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 22, 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards announced that Phase 2 of Resilient Louisiana would be extended for an additional 28 days, until July 24, 2020, (Proclamation No. 83 JBE 2020); and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2020, Proclamation No. 09 CLS 2020 was issued to extend Phase 2 in Jefferson Parish, Louisiana until July 24, 2020; and

WHEREAS, since moving into Phase 2, Jefferson Parish has experienced an alarming spike in new COVID-19 cases and COVID-related hospitalizations; and

WHEREAS, new information and data from medical professionals indicates that the Coronavirus is more likely to be spread from individual to individual through close contact indoors and particularly through mass gatherings where people do not practice social distancing or wear masks or face coverings; and

WHEREAS, the spread of the Coronavirus between individuals is greatly reduced through the wearing of masks or face coverings while indoors;

WHEREAS, pursuant to LSA-R.S. 29:727 G, and in response to the World Health Organization March 11, 2020, designation of the COVID-19 outbreak as a worldwide pandemic, it is necessary to require individuals to wear personal protective masks or facial coverings while indoors and in any common area in all commercial buildings, public buildings and places of worship; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to LSA-R.S. 29:727 G, any person or representative of any firm, partnership, or corporation violating any order, rule, or regulation promulgated pursuant to this emergency proclamation, shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars, or confined in the parish jail for not more than six months, or both; 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: In response to the World Health Organization March 11, 2020, designation of the COVID-19 outbreak as a worldwide pandemic, individuals in unincorporated Jefferson Parish shall be required to wear personal protective masks or facial coverings while indoors and in any common area in all commercial buildings, public buildings and places of worship; and pursuant to LSA-R.S. 29:727 G, any person or representative of any firm, partnership, or corporation who allows any individual to enter or remain indoors in any common area in any commercial buildings, public buildings and places of worship shall be deemed to be in violation of this emergency proclamation, and shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars, or confined in the parish jail for not more than six months, or both; and

SECTION 2: In unincorporated Jefferson Parish, face masks or face coverings are to be worn in the situations listed below:

- When indoors and in any common area; such as hallways, stairways, elevators, parking facilities, etc., in all commercial buildings, public buildings and places of worship;
- Riding on public transportation or paratransit as previously set forth in proclamation no. 09 CLS 2020, dated 06/26/2020;

SECTION 3:

The following individuals are exempt from wearing a face mask/covering:

- Persons younger than two years old. These very young children must not wear a face covering because of the risk of suffocation.

- Persons with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents wearing a face covering. This includes persons with a medical condition for whom wearing a face covering could obstruct breathing or who are unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a face covering without assistance.

- Persons who are hearing impaired, or communicating with a person who is hearing impaired, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication.

- Persons for whom wearing a face covering would create a risk to the person related to their work, as determined by local, state, or federal regulators or workplace safety guidelines.

- Persons who are obtaining a service involving the nose or face for which temporary removal of the face covering is necessary to perform the service.

- Face masks/coverings must be worn upon entering and exiting restaurants, bars or other establishments that offers food or beverage service; otherwise, persons are exempt who are seated at a restaurant, bar or other establishment that offers food or beverage service, while they are eating or drinking, provided that they are able to maintain a distance of at least six feet away from persons who are not members of the same household or residence.

- Face masks/coverings must be worn upon entering and exiting gyms or other fitness or recreational facilities; otherwise, persons are exempt who are properly socially distanced while working out at a gym or other fitness or recreational facility.

SECTION 4:

For elections, the Secretary of State has advised that face masks/coverings are encouraged although not mandatory while voting.

SECTION 5:

Schools, daycares and summer camps are to follow the guidance established by the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) and Louisiana Department of Health (LDH).


SECTION 6:

Enforcement of these requirements will be handled by any authorized law enforcement agency and this proclamation hereby empowers and authorizes the Jefferson Parish Department of Property Maintenance Zoning/Quality of Life to enforce this proclamation.

SECTION 7:

The provisions established herein shall be effective from July 1, 2020 until terminated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand
officially on this 1st day of July, 2020 at 9:28.m.


PRESIDENT, PARISH OF JEFFERSON