



## OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

## PROCLAMATION NUMBER 03 CLS 2020

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


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- 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 promulgated additional measures for dealing with the emergency; and
- WHEREAS,** guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for responding to COVID-19 suggests aggressive measures for limiting possible interactions with individuals exposed to or infected with COVID-19; and
- WHEREAS,** the CDC further encourages social distancing and prevention of unnecessary personal interactions; and,
- WHEREAS,** the extraordinary threat posed by COVID-19 has caused critical shortages of health care equipment and personal protective equipment, and has the potential to cause the demand for hospital beds to exceed the number available; and
- WHEREAS,** since the issuance of Proclamation No. 01 CLS 2020 and Proclamation No. 02 CLS 2020, the COVID-19 outbreak in Southeast Louisiana has expanded significantly; and
- WHEREAS,** it is necessary to take additional actions to disrupt the spread of the virus and protect the health and safety of the citizens and employees of Jefferson Parish; and
- WHEREAS,** during a local disaster or emergency, La. R.S. 29:727 empowers the Parish President to control the ingress and egress to and from a disaster area, the movement of persons within the area, and the occupancy of premises therein.



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 addition to any previously announced closures that are listed on the Jefferson Parish Government website (<http://www.jeffparish.net>), the following Parish buildings shall be closed to the public:

1. Joseph S. Yenni Building, 1221 Elmwood Park Blvd., Jefferson, LA
2. General Government Building, 200 Derbigny St., Gretna, LA
3. West Bank offices of the Department of Inspection and Code Enforcement and the Department of Property Maintenance Zoning and Quality of Life, 1855 Ames Blvd., Suite A, Marrero, LA

Parish departments located within these buildings remain open. Those needing to transact business with a department or government agency located within a facility closed to the public should do so remotely by telephone, facsimile, e-mail, or through online tools available on the Parish website ([www.jeffparish.net](http://www.jeffparish.net)). Appointments will be required for any in-person business that cannot be accomplished remotely.

**SECTION 2:** This order shall be effective at 5:00 p.m. on March 23, 2020 and shall terminate on April 13, 2020, unless terminated sooner.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2020 at 3:55 p.m.

  
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 PRESIDENT, PARISH OF JEFFERSON

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