



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

PROCLAMATION NUMBER 06 CLS 2020

*PROMULGATION 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 11, 2020, Governor John Bel Edwards announced that the Louisiana Stay-at-home order will expire on Friday, May 15, 2020, and that additional businesses



will be permitted to open under strict occupancy, protection, and social distancing guidelines on that date (Phase 1 of Resilient Louisiana, Governor's Proclamation Number 58 JBE 2020); and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to once again extend some of the additional measures promulgated by Proclamation Nos. 02 CLS 2020, 03 CLS 2020, 04 CLS 2020, and 05 CLS 2020; and

WHEREAS, effective June 1, 2020, pursuant to 29 CFR Part 826.30, employees of Jefferson Parish Government that meet the definition of "emergency responder" set forth in Section 1 of this proclamation 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."

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, effective June 1, 2020, 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 responder 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 should be made 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. As Jefferson Parish transitions into Phase 1, the following changes regarding Jefferson Parish Government buildings is in place:

Effective Friday, May 15, 2020:

1. Jefferson Parish Transit Department (JeT): All riders must wear a face covering or mask upon boarding. Beginning Saturday, May 23, 2020 JeT will reinstate fare collection.
2. Jefferson Parish Library System: The Jefferson Parish Library will not be open to patrons during Phase 1; however, book drops will be open. There are no library card expirations or fines for late materials during this time.
3. Jefferson Parish Parks and Recreation Department (JPRD): All citizens should avoid close contact with others when accessing parks. JPRD Facilities to be reopened in Phase 1 include: Tennis Courts, Batting Cages, Dog Parks, Fishing Piers, Disc Golf and Boardwalks. JPRD Facilities to remain closed in Phase 1 include: Outdoor Restrooms, Outdoor Water Fountains, Tot Lots, Shelters, Outdoor Exercise Equipment, Carousel and Spray Parks, Outdoor Basketball Goals, Pools, Concession Stands and Meeting Rooms/Rentals.
4. Alario Center: Alario Center remains closed to the public at this time. Events scheduled at the Alario Center during Phase 1 are canceled or postponed, until further notice
5. Jefferson Parish Animal Shelter: The Jefferson Parish Animal Shelters remain closed to the public and open by appointment-only. All upcoming events have been suspended until further notice.

Effective Monday, May 18, 2020:

1. 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.
2. Curbside recycling: Curbside recycling pick-up in Unincorporated Jefferson Parish and the Town of Jean Lafitte, as well as drop-off recycling at the David Drive and Lapalco collection centers will be resume.

Please see 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 May 15, 2020 to June 5, 2020, or as extended by any subsequent proclamation, unless terminated sooner.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially on this 15th day of May, 2020 at 10:52 am.



 PRESIDENT, PARISH OF JEFFERSON

