THE LATEST ON THE CORONAVIRUS

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Gov. Edwards Will Extend Stay at Home Order Until May 15 to Continue Flattening the Curve and Slowing the Spread of COVID-19

Everyone in Louisiana should wear masks when in public.

On April 27, 2020, Gov. John Bel Edwards announced he will extend Louisiana’s Stay at Home order until May 15 to continue to slow the spread of COVID-19. Louisiana does not currently meet the White House criteria for entering Phase One of reopening.

While Louisiana has seen positive, improving trends statewide in terms of new case growth and new hospitalizations, in several regions across the state, new cases and hospitalizations continue to increase or to plateau, according to data from the Louisiana Department of Health. The White House criteria calls for declining numbers of new cases and hospitalizations, among other things.

Gov. Edwards’ decision is based on regional data that shows that while overall new cases and hospitalizations have decreased, this is not the case in several regions. In the Baton Rouge and Monroe regions, both new cases and new hospitalizations have increased. Some increases are also being seen in terms of new cases in Acadiana and a plateau for hospitalizations in Southwest Louisiana and a plateau of new cases on the Northshore.

To learn more, visit https://gov.louisiana.gov/home-order-extended-may15/

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

A MOTHER’S LOVE

A Mother loves right from the start. She holds her baby close to her heart. The bond that grows will never falter. Her love is so strong, it will never alter.

A Mother gives never ending love. She never feels that she has given enough. For you she will always do her best. Constantly working, there’s no time to rest.

A Mother is there when things go wrong. A hug and a kiss to help us along. Always there when we need her near. Gently wipes our eyes, when we shed a tear.

So on this day, shower your Mother with love. Gifts and presents are nice, but that is not enough. Give your Mother, a day to have some peace of mind. Be gentle, be good, be helpful, be kind.

On behalf of EHS, I would like to wish our staff and parents, a Happy Mother’s Day!

Keler Mitchell, VP of Early Head Start

LOVING YOU FROM A DISTANCE

The whole purpose of this quarantine time is to keep as many of us safe and healthy as possible. We want families to know that we should all stay home and stay safe, so that everything can return to normal as quickly as possible. We miss the opportunity to be with you and learn together. While we are apart, create special memories by spending quality time together. We cannot wait to be together again! ABBEVILLE CENTER STAFF
EVERYONE SHOULD LIMIT RISKS
If your household includes one or more vulnerable individuals, then all family members should act as if they, themselves, are at higher risk. More information on steps and actions to take if at higher risk.

Limit Errands
Family members should leave only when absolutely necessary. Essential errands include going to the grocery store, pharmacy, or medical appointments that cannot be delayed (e.g., infants or individuals with serious health conditions in need of aid). If you must leave the house, please do the following:

- Choose one or two family members who are not at a higher risk to run the essential errands.
- Wear a cloth face covering, avoid crowds, practice social distancing, and follow these recommended tips for running errands.
- Don’t use public transportation, such as the train or bus, during this period if possible. If you must use public transportation, maintain a 6-foot distance from other passengers as much as possible. Avoid touching high-touch surfaces such as handrails, and wash hands or use hand sanitizers as soon as possible after leaving.
- Don’t ride in a car with members of different households. If that’s not possible, limit close contact and create space between others in the vehicle.
- Improve air flow in the car by opening the window or placing air conditioning on non-recirculation mode.
- Wash your hands immediately after you return home.
- Maintain as much physical distance as possible with those at higher risk in the home. For example, avoid hugging, kissing, or sharing food or drinks.

Lafayette Center teachers provide parents with fun, educational activities that can be done at home. It is important for our children to continue to be engaged during the pandemic. **Share pics of your kids!** We miss them and want to celebrate their efforts. What an amazing partnership between teachers and parents! **WE CAN DO THIS TOGETHER!**

Joshua (left) and Quailajah (right) are in Ms. Brittany and Ms. Dolores’ class. They completed an activity using colors, numbers and circles. **AWESOME JOB!**

CLOTH FACE COVERING

¿POR QUE NECESITA USAR UNA CUBIERTA DE TELA PARA CARA?

Con base en los nuevos datos disponibles acerca de cómo se propaga el COVID-19, junto con evidencia de la propagación del COVID-19 en comunidades de todo el país, los CDC recomiendan que las personas usen una cubierta de tela para la cara para cubrirse la nariz y la boca en entornos comunitarios. Esto es para proteger a las personas que lo rodean si está infectado pero no tiene síntomas.

¿Debo mantenerme al menos a 6 pies de distancia de las demás personas si estoy usando una cubierta de tela para la cara?

Sí. Usar una cubierta de tela para cara es una medida adicional de salud pública que las personas pueden tomar para reducir la propagación del COVID-19. Los CDC recomiendan que se mantenga al menos a 6 pies de distancia de las demás personas (distanciamiento social). se lave las manos con frecuencia y practique otras medidas preventivas cotidianas. Las cubiertas de tela para la cara no sirven para proteger a quien la usa, pero podrían evitar la propagación del virus de quien la usa a otras personas. Esto es de suma importancia si alguien está infectado pero no presenta síntomas. Vea la guía de los CDC sobre cómo protegerse.