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Gov. Edwards Reminds Louisianans that Stay at Home Order Takes Effect Tonight

BATON ROUGE — Today, Gov. John Bel Edwards reminded the people of Louisiana that a statewide Stay at Home order will go into effect at 5 p.m. tonight Monday, March 23, to further fight the spread of COVID-19 in Louisiana. The number of cases in Louisiana is now 1,172, resulted in 34 deaths, and spread to 41 of our 64 parishes. Gov. Edwards announced these additional mitigation measures at a press conference yesterday.

Click [here](#) to read the Governor's statewide Stay at Home order.

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“As the number of COVID-19 cases continues to rise in Louisiana at an alarming rate, it is necessary that we take even more aggressive measures in order to flatten the curve and slow the spread of this virus. Tonight at 5 p.m., the Stay at Home order that I signed will go into effect, and I am asking all the people of Louisiana to be good neighbors and to protect themselves and others by following the guidelines of the order. People can still leave their homes to do essential tasks like buying groceries or food, picking up prescriptions or going to work if absolutely necessary. If you do go out, please keep six feet between you and the people around you. Outside exercise is encouraged as long as you practice social distancing,” Gov. Edwards said. “This order is not something I take lightly, but it is necessary to protect the health, safety and well-being of our people, our communities and our way of life.”

The order is set to expire at the end of the morning of Monday, April 13. The governor will re-evaluate the need for the statewide Stay at Home order and other mitigation measures currently in place to determine if they need to be extended beyond April 12.



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