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**Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government Coronavirus Daily Update for May 5, 2020**  
(all new information is marked with an asterisk\* and bolded)

**\*Number of Coronavirus Cases in Terrebonne Parish: 469 (Increase of 3 from May 4, 2020)**

**\*Deaths Confirmed by the Terrebonne Parish Coroner's Office: 33 (No increase from May 1, 2020)**

Number of deaths reported on this report does not match the Louisiana Department of Health coronavirus website due to the latency of data input by the Louisiana Department of Health.

**\*Parish President Dove Announces Second Parish-wide Distribution of Face Masks**

The Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, with the assistance of the Parish fire departments, will be distributing free face masks to the residents of Terrebonne Parish beginning, Thursday, May 7, 2020.

100,000 face masks will be distributed to residents of the Parish at various locations and fire stations throughout the parish.

"We want to make sure that all residents have an opportunity to have a mask for when we slowly bring back the Parish from the Stay at Home order issued by the Governor." said Parish President Gordon Dove. "This will allow the residents of our Parish the opportunity to continue to protect our families, neighbors, co-workers and ourselves from the spread of coronavirus."

Parish President Dove would like to thank the local fire departments and parish employees for assisting with the distribution of the face masks to the public.

Masks will be distributed from the following stores beginning Thursday morning, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 9AM until all masks are distributed:

- Rouse's Supermarket – St. Charles Street
- Rouse's Supermarket – West Main Street
- Rouse's Supermarket – Prospect Street
- Rouse's Supermarket – Grand Caillou Road
- Cannata's Market – Prospect Street
- Cannata's Market – West Main Street
- Lowe's – Martin Luther King Boulevard
- Walmart – Martin Luther King Boulevard
- Walmart – Grand Caillou Road

- Home Depot – Martin Luther King Boulevard
- Academy Sports and Outdoors – Martin Luther King Boulevard
- Sam’s Club – Martin Luther King Boulevard
- Target – Martin Luther King Boulevard

Drive-thru distribution of face masks will be conducted at the following Parish fire departments, beginning Thursday, May 7, 2020, from 1PM to 4PM, until supplies last:

- Bayou Black Fire Department – 2820 Savanne Road
- Bayou Blue Fire Department - Central Station – 1870 Bayou Blue Road and Station #2 – 3099 Bayou Blue Road
- Bayou Cane Fire Department – Central Station – 6166 West Main Street
- Bourg Fire Department – 4317 Hwy 24
- Coteau Fire Department – Krewe of Hercules Den, 1928 Coteau Road, Next to Coteau Fire Station #2
- Dularge Fire Department – Station #2 – 631 Bayou Dularge Road and the Central Station – 1767 Bayou Dularge Road
- Grand Caillou Fire Department – Ashland North Station – 175 Mozart Drive and at the Grand Caillou Recreation Center – 106 Badou Street
- Little Caillou Fire Department – Station 2 – 5016 Hwy 56
- Montegut Fire Department – Station 1 – 1105 Hwy 55
- Schriever Fire Department – 1529 West Park Avenue
- West Terrebonne Fire Department – Station 1 – 116 Merry Moss Lane, Gibson
- Village East Fire Department – 100 Development Street

Face masks will also be available at the Parish’s purchasing department at 301 Plant Road in Houma.

**\*Regional Coronavirus Self-Testing Drive Thru Site Open in Lafourche Parish**

The regional coronavirus self-testing drive thru site is open from 8AM to Noon or until test limits are reached every day of the week, including weekends. The testing site is located at the Lafourche Parish Sheriff’s Office Shooting Range located at 3451 Highway 182 in Raceland near the intersection of Hwy 182 and U.S. Highway 90. The site will be open 7 days a week except for days when severe weather is expected. The site will close this coming weekend of May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> and reopen on Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 8AM.

The site is open to all persons 18 years and older with a valid Louisiana Driver’s License or Louisiana ID. Individuals will be required to perform a nasal swab on themselves. You must remain in your vehicle, no appointment, physician referral or insurance is required. No additional test for symptoms is required and if you have symptoms or had symptoms the last few days but no longer have symptoms, you are still eligible for testing. No pets allowed at the testing site.

### **\*Terrebonne Council on Aging – Food For Seniors Distribution Program**

The Terrebonne Council on Aging will hold Food for Seniors distribution as a DRIVE-THRU for pre-registered clients only at the following locations and dates:

1. Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> 7:15am - 10:00am East Park Recreation Center Parking Lot
2. Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> 8:30am – 11:00am Chauvin Senior Center
3. Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> 8:00am – 11:00am Schriever Senior Center

On Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, Terrebonne Council on Aging will deliver Food for Senior boxes to the residents of Bayou Towers who are pre-registered for the Food for Senior program. Terrebonne Council on Aging staff will deliver the boxes to each client's apartment door so clients do not have to pick up the boxes from downstairs.

Residents of Bonne Terre Village 1 & 2 and the Shady Lane Apartments will receive their Food for Senior boxes as scheduled.

All homebound clients will have their Food for Senior boxes delivered to them as normal.

### **\*City Court of Houma Information**

Per the Louisiana Supreme Court's order dated April 29, 2020, and the Governor's extension of emergency provisions announced on April 27, 2020, City Court of Houma has suspended all civil trials, hearings and court appearances until no earlier than May 18, 2020. When the suspensions have been lifted, please note that only individuals wearing protective masks/bandanas will be allowed in the courthouse.

Civil filings are still being processed; however individuals filing Civil matters will not be allowed in the courthouse and are encouraged to mail or fax their filings. Individuals should call the Civil Department at 873-6337 for further instructions.

Individuals previously scheduled for Adult Arraignments on April 1<sup>st</sup>, April 15<sup>th</sup> or May 6<sup>th</sup> should appear for their hearings at City Court on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. Again, please note that only individuals wearing protective masks/bandanas will be allowed in the courthouse.

The only Juvenile and Adult Criminal matters being heard are for those individuals in the Terrebonne Parish Jail or Juvenile Detention Facility and those hearings are held via videoconferencing. Only the parents/legal guardians of juveniles in the detention facility are allowed in the courthouse for the videoconference hearings, provided they are in good health.

Payments for traffic tickets, fines, etc. inside the courthouse have been suspended until at least May 18, 2020. People are encouraged to go to [www.houmatix.com](http://www.houmatix.com) to see if they can pay their traffic ticket online. Payments can also be made over the phone with a credit/debit card by calling the Misdemeanor/Traffic Department at 868-4361. Phone payments for juvenile matters may be made to the Juvenile Department at 873-6338. Individuals on a payment plan who have questions can call the Court Compliance Department at 873-6332/6335.

**\*Terrebonne Parish Library Information:**

As of today, May 4, 2020, the library will be providing curbside service at all branches. The main library, East Houma and North Branches will provide the service from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday to Thursday. The bayou branches have limited hours so customers need to call the branch. The reference staff at the main library will answer questions during the same hours and same days; the phone number is 985-876-5861, ext. 201. Only books, DVDs, magazines, and books on tape will be circulated. At this time no other services will be available. The library staff is sanitizing returned items and cleaning the facilities.

Donated items will not be accepted at this time.

The Terrebonne Parish Library offers many e-services to cardholders that can be accessed from home. This includes eBooks, online magazines, Hoopla, streaming services, and various databases such as TumbleBooks, Homework Louisiana, Learning Express, and World Book Online. During this time, patrons are allowed to check out up to 10 eBooks at a time versus the standard 5. For patrons who do not yet have a library card, there is now an online sign-up option that can be found on the home page at [mytpl.org](http://mytpl.org). Patrons are encouraged to follow the [Terrebonne Parish Library System Facebook page](#) for updates and may also leave messages to the page for any questions they may have.

**New Orders from Governor John Bel Edwards to be Implemented Friday, May 1, 2020**

Governor John Bel Edwards announced today three (3) major changes in the new Stay at Home order that will be implemented on Friday, May 1, 2020.

- 1) Malls will remain closed to the public, but stores may open for curbside delivery of goods.
- 2) Restaurants will be allowed to open their outside areas for patrons to eat meals, without tableside service, only.
- 3) All employees of a business who have contact with the public must wear a mask or face covering.

**State Fire Marshal Guidance Regarding Outdoor Religious and Place of Worship Openings**

The Louisiana State Fire Marshal's Office has issued guidance for Outdoor Religious and Places of Worship venues to follow. This allows outdoor religious and places of worship venues to open to their congregation, but they must adhere to strict mitigation standards in preventing the spread of COVID-19. The general operating matrix will require spacing of groups, limiting concentration of people, strict use of PPE and frequent sanitizing. To review a complete copy of the La. Fire Marshal's guidance, please go to [www.tohsep.com/news/covid19](http://www.tohsep.com/news/covid19).

**Parish President Gordon Dove Reminds Retail Stores to Adhere to American Disabilities Act (ADA) Regarding Disabled Patrons**

By order of the Parish President, retail store outlets shall adhere to the requirements of the American Disabilities Act (ADA). Disabled patrons entering retail outlets shall be allowed to enter the store with one other person to assist them with their shopping needs. Retail outlets shall

assist all disabled patrons to the fullest extent of the American Disabilities Act at all times including this pandemic.

#### Removal of Limitation of Store Hours

With the lifting of the parish curfew, Parish President Gordon Dove has removed all restrictions regarding hours of operation for all grocery stores (Rouses, Cannata's, etc.), pharmacies and big box stores (Walmart, Lowes, Home Depot, Target, Sam's Club, etc.). All grocery stores (Rouses, Cannata's, etc.), pharmacies and big box stores (Walmart, Lowes, Home Depot, Target, Sam's Club, etc.) are **still required to limit the number of customers to 20% of their Fire Marshal capacity.**

#### Terrebonne Parish Clerk of Court Information

Effective Friday, May 1, 2020, The Terrebonne Parish Clerk of Court's office will be operating at full staff Monday thru Friday from 8:30AM to 12:00PM (Noon). In keeping with the stay at home order, the general public is not allowed inside the courthouse building at this time. However, for any matters to be filed, there will be Clerk of Court personnel stationed at the front door to assist you. You can go to [www.terrebonneclerk.org](http://www.terrebonneclerk.org) for more information.

Our office will issue marriage licenses and birth certificates by appointment only, Monday through Friday. Please call 985-873-8376 for more information or to make an appointment.

Jury duty is cancelled through June 30, 2020. All criminal and civil court dates are being continued to later dates and parties will receive notice from the Clerk of Court's office through a process server.

We can no longer accept passport applications. Once we have been notified that we can resume issuance, that information will be posted on our website. Go to [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) for more information.

#### Terrebonne Parish Lifts Curfew

Terrebonne Parish President Gordon Dove has lifted the curfew in Terrebonne Parish effective April 29, 2020.

#### State of Louisiana Renewal of State of Emergency For COVID-19 Extension of Emergency Provisions

Gov. John Bel Edwards' statewide Stay at Home Order renewal goes into effect tomorrow, May 1, 2020 until May 15, 2020. The new order from the Governor, JBE 52-2020 can be found by clicking on the Coronavirus Information button on the Terrebonne Parish Government website: [tpcg.org](http://tpcg.org) or the Terrebonne Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness website at [tohsep.com](http://tohsep.com).

### Non-Essential Businesses Allowed to Open in Terrebonne Parish

Parish President Gordon Dove announced April 27, 2020 that non-essential businesses in Terrebonne Parish that are not included in the Governor's orders, JBE 2020-30 and JBE 2020-33, could open for business on April 28, 2020 with fewer than 10 people inside the business at one time and social distancing is practiced within the business. All non-essential business employees are required to wear mask or a face covering and the business is required to have hand sanitizer available at the entrance of the business. Please visit our website for a fact sheet, "Can My Business Be Open?" for more information.

The following businesses are NOT allowed to be open under the Governor's orders, JBE 2020-30 and JBE 2020-33: casinos, video poker establishments, movie theaters, bars, bowling alleys, fitness centers and gyms, all places of public amusement, whether indoors or outdoors, including but not limited to, locations with amusement park rides, carnivals, amusement parks, water parks, trampoline parks, aquariums, zoos, museums, arcades, fairs, pool halls, children's play centers, playgrounds, theme parks, any theaters, concert and music halls, adult entertainment venues, racetracks and other similar businesses. All personal care and grooming businesses, including but not limited to barber shops, beauty salons, nail salons, spas, massage parlors, tattoo parlors, and other similar businesses.

### Bounce Houses and Water Slides Use Prohibited

Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government is prohibiting the rental of bounce houses and water slides. Companies that rent these items are not essential businesses as per Governor Edwards executive order or the US Department of Homeland Security CISA guidelines. The use of bounce houses and water slides encourage gatherings of people and does not promote social distancing, increasing the risk of spreading the coronavirus.

### Registrar of Voters Information

Beginning Monday, April 27, 2020, the Terrebonne Parish Registrar of Voters office will be open from 8AM to 4:30PM, Monday through Thursday. The public will not be allowed into the office, but personnel will be there to answer the telephone and process applications. The public can reach the office by calling 985-873-6533 or via email at [terrebonnerov@sos.la.gov](mailto:terrebonnerov@sos.la.gov). Citizens can register to vote online at [sos.la.gov](https://sos.la.gov) or [geauxvote.com](https://geauxvote.com).

### Parish President Gordon Dove Encourages Everyone to "Mask Up Terrebonne"

Parish President Gordon Dove is encouraging everyone to "Mask Up Terrebonne." Residents will see pictures on social media and local news encouraging everyone to wear a mask with the saying, "When you wear a mask, YOU PROTECT OTHERS. When others wear a mask, THEY PROTECT YOU." Search. #maskupterrebonne for information.

### Parish President Reminds Residents of the Statewide "Stay at Home" Order

Parish President Gordon Dove would like to remind residents that it is still important to "Stay at Home" and only leave for essential items, in order to help reduce the spread of this virus. Our elderly and those with chronic health conditions are the most vulnerable, but each resident should take personal responsibility to help prevent the spread of this virus within our community.

It you need to leave your home, only one person per family should go to the store or essential business and you should only purchase essential items. Now is not the time to browse the stores. Please go into the store, purchase your essential items and return home to allow other customers the opportunity to shop.

Everyone should continue to practice social distancing. You may have coronavirus with no symptoms (asymptomatic) and spread the virus to others or others that think they do not have coronavirus because they do not have symptoms may spread it to you. Please stay at home unless you need essential items and do not visit family or friends unless necessary.

Do your part, stay at home, stop the spread, flatten the curve!

To help prevent the spread of coronavirus you should do the following:

- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Cover your mouth or nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, or cough and sneeze into the crease of your elbow.
- Clean frequently touched surfaces with regular household cleaning sprays or wipes.
- Use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Stay home from work if you are sick and call your primary physician. For emergencies, please call 911.

#### Terrebonne Council on Aging (TCOA) Information

Effective Monday, April 20, 2020, the Terrebonne Council on Aging will limit their transportation services to dialysis patients and wheelchair bound clients that need a ride to doctor's appointments. This is being implemented to reduce the risk of exposure to their drivers and other clients to COVID-19. This will remain in effect until further notice.

Economically needy and disadvantaged senior residents of Terrebonne Parish (60 and over), who are not currently receiving home-delivered meals, may call the Terrebonne Council on Aging to find out if they qualify to receive a meal. Please call the Council on Aging at 985-868-8411, then dial 0 for assistance. Because of a large number of calls, seniors may be asked to leave their name and phone number and a Council on Aging staff member will return their call as soon as possible.

The Terrebonne Council on Aging (TCOA) has implemented the following measures:

- All local senior centers and lunch centers have been closed until further notice.
- All home visits by TCOA have been cancelled.
- Senior citizens who receive home delivered meals will continue to receive home delivered meals and all senior citizens who utilized the senior centers and lunch centers for meals and are in need of meals will be added to the home delivery list to receive meals.
- All senior center and lunch center managers will conduct check-up calls to registered senior citizens every other day.

- All information and assistance requests will be conducted via telephone. If a senior citizen needs information or assistance, they should call the Council on Aging office at 985-868-8411.
- All assessments for senior citizens will be conducted by telephone.

#### Louisiana Public School Closure Until End of Current Year

Governor John Bel Edwards signed a proclamation today closing K-12 public schools in Louisiana to students until the end of the current school year, with students getting their education via remote learning. The proclamation can be read at the following website: <https://gov.louisiana.gov/assets/Proclamations/2020/47-JBE-2020-State-of-Emergency-Elementary-and-Secondary-Education.pdf>

#### 32<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District Court System Information

All 32<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Courts are closed until May 15, 2020 at 4:30PM.

Those with pending criminal cases and civil matters set during this closure will be notified of a new court date.

All civil and criminal jury trials are cancelled through Tuesday June 30, 2020. Jurors who have been notified to appear through June 30, 2020 are dismissed.

All dockets are cancelled except as follows: Emergency and time-sensitive matters as determined by the Court may be held by teleconference or video conference. This order expressly does not prohibit any court proceedings by telephone, video conferencing or any other means.

32<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District traffic tickets can be paid online at [tpda.org](http://tpda.org).

#### Disinfecting of Gas Pump Handles

Parish President Gordon Dove would like to remind convenience stores, retail stores with gas stations and self-serve gas stations to regularly disinfect gas pump handles with a disinfectant solution. He also would like to remind citizens to use a disinfectant wipe, paper towel or other item to hold the gas pump handle and to use hand sanitizer or wash your hands with soap and water after pumping gas.

#### Requirement of Hand Sanitizer and Disinfectant Procedures for Retail Stores

Parish President Gordon Dove is requiring that convenience stores, gas stations, dollar stores, truck stops, seafood markets and all retail stores have hand sanitizer available to customers as they enter the store. Businesses are also required to disinfect all surfaces that customers may have contact with, such as door handles, cooler door handles, and other self-service vending items to be disinfected on a regular basis. Businesses should continue to practice the required social distancing between customers and employees.



### Terrebonne Parish Assessor's Office

The Terrebonne Parish Assessor's Office hours are from 9AM to 3PM, Monday through Thursday. The office will be closed on Fridays. These hours will be in effect till the end of April.

### Reminder for TPCG Utility Customers

The customer service area inside Government Tower for paying utility bills is closed to the public. Customers wishing to pay their utility bills should use the drive thru service, Monday thru Thursday, from 8AM to 4PM. Utility bills may also be paid online at [www.mytpcg.org](http://www.mytpcg.org) or by telephone by calling 844-331-8341.

### 2020 Census

Getting an accurate census count is essential for the parish. The census determines the allocation of representatives to serve in the legislative bodies of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Louisiana State Legislature, and within voting districts. Census information is also used to distribute more than \$675 billion in federal funds annually to support schools, hospitals, fire departments, road improvements, public works, and other social services.

To take the census, visit [www.countdabayer.org](http://www.countdabayer.org) and click on "Take the Census" and you will be directed to the U.S. Census 2020 page to complete your census questionnaire that will only take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

### Parish President Gordon Dove Requests Security Detail, Cart Sanitizing and Hand Sanitizer at Stores

To further prevent the spread of the virus, Parish President Gordon Dove is requiring that all grocery stores, pharmacies and big box stores to provide a person (i.e., store personnel, security guard, law enforcement detail) at the entrance of the store to enforce the number of persons allowed into the store and the six-foot distancing requirement.

President Dove is also requiring that all stores provide hand sanitizer at the entrance of the stores for customer use and the disinfecting of all shopping carts between each customer use.

Only one person per family should go to the store or essential business and you should only purchase essential items. Now is not the time to browse the stores. Please go into the store, purchase your essential items and return home to allow other customers the opportunity to shop.

### Good Earth Transit System (Bus Service)

The Good Earth Transit System (bus service) ceased all regular bus services on Friday, April 3, 2020 until further notice. The Good Earth Transit System will continue to operate the paratransit system in Terrebonne Parish for those individuals who have been issued Paratransit Identification Cards.

### Regional Military Museum

The Regional Military Museum in Houma is closed for tours, visitors, and volunteers until further notice.

### Terrebonne United Churches Food Bank Information

The Terrebonne United Churches Food Bank is in need of volunteers to help with food distribution. If you are interested in helping, please call Mr. Lawrence Dehart at 985-851-5523.

The Terrebonne Churches United Food Bank in Houma is open and distributing food to those in need. The food bank is open from 8:30AM to noon on Monday and Saturday and from 12:30PM to 4PM on Wednesday. Service to the homeless is provided on Thursdays from 8:30AM to noon. The TCU Food Bank office hours are from 8AM to 3PM, Monday through Friday. For more information or assistance, please call the TCU Food Bank at 985-851-5523 or visit their website at [tcufoodbank.org](http://tcufoodbank.org).

The TCU Food Bank is now a drive-by food pick up program. This will be the primary method we will use to distribute food due to the COVID-19 Emergency. Here is how the plan will work:

One hour before our normal distribution times, those in need may line up in their vehicles on Commerce Street entering from Lafayette Street. Vehicles will need to line up on the extreme right side of Commerce Street. We ask that vehicles pull all the way up to the stop sign at intersection of Church Street and Commerce street. Once the process begins, a screener will approach your vehicle and ask you a few questions though your driver side window. Once the brief screening process is complete you will be asked to pull around to Magnolia Street to a section clearly marked in front of the food bank. Once in that section, you will simply have to unlatch your trunk, and someone will load the food items in your trunk and close it. Then you will safely reenter Magnolia Street and exit on Lafayette Street. You will not exit your car at any time though this process. There will be signs providing directions all along the route.

### Mental Health Services

The following mental health clinics and agencies are currently open and serving clients as needed:

- Terrebonne Mental Health – 985-857-3615
- START Community Health Center – 985-333-2020
- Teche Action Clinic – 985-851-1717
- Beacon Behavioral Clinic – 985-346-0436

Anyone needing mental health assistance can call the South Central Louisiana Human Health Services Crisis Assist Link Line (CALL) 24 hours a day to speak to a licensed social worker at 877-500-9997. The Louisiana Department of Health has the “Keep Calm thru COVID” hotline open 24 hours a day and can be reached at 866-310-7977. All calls are confidential.

### Terrebonne Economic Development Authority

The Terrebonne Economic Development Authority has activated a centralized call system for business questions related to the coronavirus event. The phone number is 985-633-1887 and can be reached between the hours of 9AM to 4:30PM. Businesses can email questions to [bizresponse@tpeda.org](mailto:bizresponse@tpeda.org).

### Houma-Terrebonne Airport Commission

- The airport remains open as published in FAA Form 5010 and per applicable NOTAMS.
- Airport Commission Offices are closed to public visitors, who are being directed to telephone and email means of contact.
- Lessees desiring to pay rent in person can deposit payments and correspondence in an outside drop box at the office.
- An airport manager (rotating) + one office assistant (rotating) will be available at the office Monday through Thursday during normal business hours. Remaining staff will remain available via telephone and email.
- The office will be closed each Friday (weekly) for a thorough disinfecting. All staff is also available during disinfecting for normal business via telephone and email.
- All airfield maintenance (grass, concrete, lighting, electronics, instrument landing systems, AWOS/ATIS, etc.) will continue as normal.
- The control tower has been reduced to one controller in the tower + one team member in the tower office. Assuming no decline in the number of fit-for-duty tower controllers, normal published tower hours of operation can be sustained.
- If controller illness eventually results in absences, reduced tower hours of operation (if necessary) will be published in NOTAMS.

Unless otherwise changed or extended, this posture will be maintained through the end of May 15, 2020.

### Terrebonne Parish Government Information

On Monday, March 23, 2020, Terrebonne Parish President Gordon Dove closed the Terrebonne Parish Government Tower to the public until further notice. The Government Tower's drive-thru lanes, located on Gabasse Street, are open for public use to drop off documents, applications, and utility payments Monday through Thursday from 8AM to 4:00PM. Beginning Friday, March 26, 2020, Government Tower, including the drive-thru lanes will be closed on Fridays, until further notice, to all Parish employees and the public. This will allow for the Government Tower to be disinfected on a weekly basis. The public is requested to utilize the utility drop box, located in the drive-thru area of the Gabasse Street parking lot, to drop off utility payments, documents, and applications on Fridays.

The Terrebonne Parish switchboard is operating with normal business hours, Monday through Thursday. The parish's answering service will receive calls on Fridays during the closure of the Government Tower and direct calls to the appropriate department. After-hours calls and weekend calls will continue to be answered by the parish's answering service.

All Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government services will continue to be provided during this event.

Trade and building permits can be applied for by using the Gabasse Street parking garage, Lane #4. You can also apply online at [tpcg.org/permits/apply](https://tpcg.org/permits/apply).

All Terrebonne Parish departments and facilities are limiting visitor access. Terrebonne Parish Government Tower is closed to all visitors. Citizens are advised to use online services at [tpcg.org](https://tpcg.org) or call the particular department you need to access. Citizens needing to make utility payments or drop off other items and documents are asked to use the drive-thru lanes on Gabasse Street parking lot. Before visiting any Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government facility, please call to confirm visitation requirements.

The Terrebonne Wildlife Museum and Folklife Museum are closed until further notice.

- All Terrebonne Parish sponsored events have been cancelled that may exceed 10 people.
- All Terrebonne Parish Recreation (TPR) events have been postponed until further notice.
- The Live After 5 event scheduled for Downtown Houma in March has been cancelled.

#### Small Business Assistance

The U. S. Small Business Administration has declared that all small businesses in Louisiana are eligible for COVID-19 business assistance. To get started immediately, visit [SBA.gov/disaster](https://SBA.gov/disaster). SBA offers a three-step process for disaster loans at [disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/Documents/Three Step Process SBA Disaster Loans.pdf](https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/Documents/Three%20Step%20Process%20SBA%20Disaster%20Loans.pdf). The Louisiana Economic Development is also offering COVID-19 Business Resources at [opportunitylouisiana.com/covid-19-assistance](https://opportunitylouisiana.com/covid-19-assistance), an online guide to assistance available for impacted businesses. Look for updates to the guide at [OpportunityLouisiana.com](https://OpportunityLouisiana.com).

#### Terrebonne Parish School District Feeding Program

The Terrebonne Parish School District will continue to provide free “Grab and Go” lunches during the “Stay at Home” order, Monday through Friday from 11AM to 1PM. All Pre-K to 12<sup>th</sup> grade students (public and private school students) and any student with disabilities up to age 22 can receive a meal. Students must be present to be served a meal. No student ID is required.

Meals can be picked up at the closest Terrebonne Parish School District high school located to your home. For schools where it is safe, students may walk up to the school to receive a meal. Students arriving by a vehicle should remain in their vehicle.

- Ellender Memorial High School – Meal distribution will be in the front of the school main entrance.
- H.L. Bourgeois High School – Meal distribution will be in the front parking lot/main entrance.

- South Terrebonne High School – Meal distribution will be in the front of the school.
- Terrebonne High School – Meal distribution will be in the bus circle. Enter on St. Charles Street.

#### Terrebonne ARC

Terrebonne ARC (TARC) has closed ALL operations, including stores, until further notice.

#### Louisiana Workforce Commission Information

Residents needing information regarding unemployment compensation should contact the Louisiana Workforce Commission at 985-876-8990, 800-351-4378, 866-783-5567 or visit the local office at 807 Barrow Street (Town Hall Building) in Houma.

#### Consolidated Waterworks District No. 1 – Terrebonne Parish Information:

The Consolidated Waterworks District No. 1 office lobby at 8814 Main Street will be closed to the general public. Drive-thru windows will be open normal hours, 8AM to 5PM Monday through Friday, for paying your water bill or conducting other business. You may contact the office at 985-879-2495 or via their website at [tpcw.org](http://tpcw.org). Please follow their [Facebook page](#) for up-to-date information.

For the most updated information regarding COVID-19, residents can do the following:

- Dial 211 and ask a question.
- Text LACOVID to 898-211
- Visit [LA211help.org](http://LA211help.org).