

CITY OF CENTRAL
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY DECLARATION

WHEREAS, the City of Central seeks to comply with and support the March 13, 2020 Declaration of a National COVID-19 Health Emergency by United States President Donald Trump pursuant to the Stafford Act and the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C., 1601, *et seq.*;

WHEREAS, the City of Central seeks to comply with and support the intent and spirit of Executive Department Proclamation Number 2020 JBE 25 wherein pursuant to La. R.S. 29:766 Governor John Bel Edwards who also declared a public health crisis posing an imminent threat to Louisiana citizens and creating emergency conditions that threaten the lives of Louisiana citizens;

WHEREAS, the City of Central, in order to comply with and support the intentions and spirit of the March 12, 2020 Local Public Health Emergency Declaration/Executive Order and with the March 13, 2020 Emergency Declaration, respectively, issued by East Baton Rouge Parish Mayor-President Sharon Weston Broome, directing the East Baton Rouge Parish Office of Homeland Security to coordinate the overall City-Parish response to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) in order that East Baton Rouge Parish may participate in the response and recovery plan administered by the Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security pursuant to La. R.S. 29:767 and La. R.S. 29:721, *et seq.*, respectively;

WHEREAS, the City of Central, pursuant to the authority vested in the Office of Mayor of the City of Central, pursuant to a La. R.S. 29:737 and other provisions of Louisiana law, Parish Ordinances and Central Ordinances, and due to the apparent imminent threats posed to the health and safety of the citizens of Central by the COVID-19 virus which creates emergency conditions within the city of Central;

WHEREAS, the City of Central may greatly be affected by the pending emergency which poses an imminent threat to the City of Central, threatens the safety and security of the citizens of Central and the security of local businesses; and

WHEREAS, the City of Central will activate any and all necessary emergency plans and activities in response to this Public Health Emergency and that this may exceed the municipality's capability to respond to this life-threatening crisis.

NOW THEREFORE, I, DAVID R. BARROW, Mayor of the City of Central, do hereby declare a Public Health Emergency exists in the City of Central pursuant to La. R.S. 29:737 and other applicable provisions of the Louisiana Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act of 1993, as amended, and hereby request all available assistance from the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness and the East Baton Rouge Office of Emergency Preparedness.

THEREFORE, effective immediately and continuing until further notice, the Mayor's Office and the various Departments within City of Central Administration shall effective through the conclusion of this Public Health Emergency:

1. Stand ready to plan and execute health emergency assessments, preparedness response, mitigation and recovery as directed;

2. Stand ready to coordinate and collaborate with East Baton Rouge Parish, State of Louisiana State and Federal officials responding to this Public Health Emergency;
3. Continue to closely observe and implement any necessary employee workforce guidance;
4. Limit public access to all City of Central Government offices to include City Hall and City Services Office;
5. Cooperate and assist in the enforcement of Section 1 of 2020-JBE-30 requiring cancellation of all gatherings of 50 people or more;
6. Cooperate and assist in the enforcement of all provisions of 2020-JBE-30 wherein Governor Edwards ordered certain businesses to cease operations through April 12, 2020 including all local fitness centers and gyms and bars and requiring restaurants, cafes and coffee shops to discontinue on-premises consumption of food;
7. If ordered or directed by the Governor or Mayor-President, closely observe, implement, cooperate and assist in the enforcement of limited quarantines in the City of Central; and
8. If ordered or directed by the Governor or Mayor-President, implement and enforce curfews in the City of Central.

This Public Health Emergency Declaration shall continue until the threat to public safety posed by COVID-19 no longer poses emergency conditions within the City of Central.

Signed this 18th day of March, 2020 in the City of Central.



David R. Barrow, Mayor
City of Central