



The City of Opelousas LOUISIANA

MAYOR JULIUS ALSANDOR

March 23, 2020

Opelousas, LA — Mayor Julius Alsandor this evening issued the following statement regarding Governor Edward's statewide Public Health Executive Order 2020-1:

Regarding All Previously Scheduled, Upcoming and/or Approved Public Events As of this date there are no confirmed or known cases of the COVID-19 Virus in the City of Opelousas.

Due to the Stay at Home statewide emergency declaration by Governor John Bel Edwards and the continuing spread of COVID-19 Virus cases across our state, as Mayor of the City of Opelousas, I have decided to, with the abundance of caution, to exercise preventative prudence.

All public facilities, which now includes our parks, will be closed to the public. All future public events on city property will be cancelled until further notice. This also applies to businesses noted in the declaration.

I am also in support of the curfew implemented by Chief of Police Martin Mclendon this evening. This will ensure that everyone in our area minimizes the potential risk of being exposed to the virus, while allowing them to take care of themselves and their loved ones.

Regarding all private events of course, all persons and facilitators are warned to exercise prudent caution and truly consider postponing such events until further notice.

Meanwhile, please be assured our office shall continue to maintain open and transparent communication with local, state and federal officials in order to ensure we receive and disseminate accurate and updated information for distribution to the citizens of Opelousas.

I strongly advise and remind each of you to follow the defining guidelines conveyed by local officials, Governor Edwards, and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) with regards to COVID-19. Please practice social distancing (6-ft), avoid shaking hands, and hugging and wash hands regularly, and by all means avoid public gatherings. Finally, please stay informed, vigilant, and most importantly calm. Use good common sense practices for the well-being of all us, so we can return to normalcy sooner than later.

May God continue to bless you all. For continued updates and current information visit www.cityofopelousas.com and city facebook page, Historic Opelousas. #opelousasstrong

Sincerely,

Mayor Julius Alsandor
City of Opelousas