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Stay at Home Order for Louisiana to Fight the Spread of COVID-19



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Data News Staff Edited Report

Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards and New Orleans Mayor LaToya Cantrell are putting more weight behind their efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19 in a state that has seen a staggering number of cases.

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der for the City of New Orleans followed by a statewide order. This is an additional measure the state is taking after previously shutting down schools, bars, clubs and other nonessential workplaces.

The governor said the latest order shutter more businesses, in effort to slow the spread of the new coronavirus. He said the goal is to eliminate opportu-

nities where employers or public spaces may have too many people in one space.

The order is set to expire at the end of the night on Sunday, April 12. 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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COVID-19 Testing sites are now available in New Orleans and Jefferson Parish.

The Governor previously ordered all K-12 public schools, casinos, bars movie theatres, gyms and fitness centers closed and restricted restaurants to take-out, drive-through and delivery orders only. He has also moved the state's April 4 elections and limited crowd size.

For businesses, the new Stay at Home order has limits on the following:

- All places of public amusement, whether indoors or outdoors, including but not limited to, locations with amusement 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.
- All malls, except for stores in a mall that have a direct outdoor entrance and exit that provide essential services and products as provided by the Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) guidelines.
- Businesses closed to the public as listed in the order can conduct necessary activities such as payroll, cleaning services, maintenance or upkeep as necessary.
- Any business not covered by the guidance from the CISA discussed in Section 3 of the order and not ordered to temporarily close must reduce operations to continue with minimum contact with members of the public and essential employees, while requiring proper social distancing, adhering to the 10-person limitation on gathering size.
- Early learning centers and child care facilities adhering to the guidance issued by the Louisiana Department of Education and Office of Public Health may continue to operate.

Data News Weekly would like to tell all to please follow the Stay at Home Order for the safety of all our residents during this pandemic.



Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards and New Orleans Mayor LaToya Cantrell declare the stay-at-home order. The order is set to expire at the end of the night on April 12.



New Orleans Mayor Latoya Cantrell, with leaders from around the region in a show of unity surrounding the stay-at-home order.



The New Normal: a face mask, empty streets and empty grocery store shelves as citizens contend with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Community Resources Available for COVID-19 Testing

The COVID-19 virus it has caused changes in many of our lives. In response to this pandemic, resources are becoming available for citizens.

Drive-through testing in Jefferson and Orleans parishes is now open to the public, after initially being limited to medical workers and first responders.

Below, are the facts you need to know about getting tested at one of the sites.

Drive-thru COVID-19 testing: What you need to know before you go

Only 250 tests will be done at each site daily. Tests will be administered on a first-come first-served basis every day.

Who can get tested?

Testing is available to anyone over the age of 18 showing symptoms of COVID-19. Patients will be tested if they:

- Have a fever
- Previously had a fever and now have a cough and shortness of breath

What if I don't meet the criteria?

People who come in, but do not meet the requirements for testing will be given a handout with the locations of other testing facilities and information on staying at home to slow the spread of the virus.

Where are the drive through testing locations?

- Mahalia Jackson Theater Parking Lot
1419 Basin Street, New Orleans, LA 70116
- University of New Orleans Lakefront Arena Parking Lot. 6801 Franklin Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70148
- Jefferson Parish - Alario Center, Westwego
2000 Segnette Blvd, Westwego, LA 70094

Test sites open at 8 a.m. and close at 6 p.m., or after 250 tests have been done.

What is the testing procedure?

Upon arrival at a site, individuals will be required to remain in their vehicles and to provide an ID to prove they are over the age of 18 and a Louisiana resident.

Testing is free and no insurance is required.

Unemployment insurance for Louisiana

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For faster self-service options, please visit their website at www.louisianaworks.net/hire.

It's in the Bag



Tracee Dundas
Fashion Stylist

What is it about women and their handbags? Not just any bag or purse. But the luxurious designer handbags that are signed, numbered and come with pedigree papers. The designer handbag that requires a bodyguard when you carry it. The purse that gets its own seat at a table (God forbid that it touches the floor). The bag that many are willing to spend as much as a month's rent to own and some others will rent a luxury brand to complete their wardrobe.

What started out of necessity as a useful way for women to carry their possessions has evolved into the ultimate 21st century object of desire. But why do women find designer bags so desirable? Is it partly because they have become a unique outward statement of a women's status, fashion savvy and earning power? Or, is it because the rising popularity of luxury handbags has followed the increasing social independence of their owners?

Women who buy designer bags often do so as a reward to themselves to celebrate a milestone, for working hard, or perhaps as retail therapy.

Here's Why Women Love Their Handbags:

1. Body-Type-Bias Fit: There are no issues with fit, like there are with clothing. No matter what your size is, there will always be a bag for you.
2. Fashion Style: It can elevate what is otherwise an inexpensive and utilitarian outfit. As clothes become more streamlined and minimalist, the bag you carry often becomes your standout statement piece.
3. Status Symbol: An "it-bag" that is instantly recognizable – whether it is the distinctive quilting and gold chain of a Chanel or the unmistakable underarm of a Fendi, it conveys a status of class and sophistication.
4. Glamour: It comes with the association between a brand and celebrities seen spotted wearing it. If you can afford the same bag as a celebrity, you may get celebrity recognition.
5. An Investment: Typically, a luxury brand has a classic style, the finest material and is well crafted; which offers longevity, durability and stellar quality for many years.

Perhaps a woman that carries a one of a kind handbag can be compared to the guy that fancies a luxury sports car; it is the ultimate expression of stature and allure to completing one's repertoire. It's about what makes you feel good, look good and affordability.



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Connecting through Music

Jennifer Lopez, Michelle Obama, Rihanna and More Stars
Join DJ D-Nice's 9-Hour Live Dance Party

Having a Virtual Party While Staying at Home

Edwin Buggage
Data News Weekly Editor-in-Chief

While the world is focused on COVID-19, and is on lockdown, the human spirit remains triumphant and hard, if not impossible, to suppress. Singing from their balconies in Italy and Spain, people are keeping their spirits up by forming impromptu mini concertos, joining in neighborly comradery to pass the time, and soothe their anxious spirits. For those around the world and here in the U.S., on Instagram, people have been enjoying the world's hottest new club: #ClubQuarantine with legendary DJ D-Nice who hosts a daily event called "Homeschool". As coronavirus (COVID-19) has forced or induced self-isolation for most, this virtual audience started at 200 but in a few days grew to over 100,000 viewers tuning in.

Among those tuning have been excited by the extensive and growing lineup



Legendary DJ D-Nice hosting his "Homeschool" Virtual Dance Parties with celebrities and others from around the globe tuning in to his Instagram, giving them a release during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

from the world of entertainment. DJ D-Nice kept the party going for nine hours straight as he hosted a dance party over Instagram live on Saturday night. Streaming across the globe, stars like Jennifer Lo-



If D-Nice can rock virtual so can we in the 5-0-4. Perhaps, we should show the world what we do while we are staying at home dancing, listening to our music and celebrating who we are. We know that we can and will make it through and that we are respecting the stay at home order.

pez, Alex Rodriguez, Michelle Obama, Rihanna, Oprah Winfrey, Naomi Campbell, Janet Jackson and more joined the party.

Also, joining the fun were Tracee Ellis Ross, Natalie Portman, Diddy, Common,

Cynthia Erivo, Chaka Kahn, Gabrielle Union, Ava DuVernay, Eve and more celebs. Then came Will and Jada Pinkett Smith, Tyra Banks, Justin Timberlake and Jamie Foxx. The set – which kicked off at 2 p.m. PT – even drew political figures like Joe Biden and Bernie Sanders.

Here in New Orleans, we know a little something about adversity, and keeping the joy of our culture alive in the midst of uncertainty. This is something that gives us at Data News a great idea for something we can do in New Orleans. As we all know no one can throw a party like ours even if it has to be virtual. While some of our people are posting videos; imagine a citywide movement on Instagram or Facebook live, Tik-Tok or YouTube second lining in front of their doors or in the spirit of the late DJ Black-n-Mild bouncing it out dancing, knowing that better days are still to come.

We at Data News Weekly encourage all our people to be safe.



If I could do one thing, I'd have a daycare closer to work.

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Surgeon General in New Orleans Speaks on the Coronavirus and Other Current Health Issues

Story and Photos by Hallie Wesley
Data News Weekly
Contributor

Before making his plea on national television in March urging young people to take the Coronavirus seriously, Jerome Adams, the Surgeon General of the United States, made a quick visit to New Orleans addressing the concerns that citizens have about the global pandemic. Adams said his role on the front lines is to echo the important message of flattening the curve of the Coronavirus.

"Yes it [coronavirus] is a serious threat, but it is not a reason to panic," Adams said, "If closing the schools for a couple of weeks give us time for the virus to calm down a little bit, and for our public health system and hospitals to catch up, then that might be the thing that saves one of our loved ones' lives."



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Adams, who is the 20th Surgeon General of the United States, was named by President Donald Trump to his position in June, 2017. Adams is an anesthesiolo-

gist who served as a vice admiral for the United States Public Health Service Commission Corp., which protects, promotes and advances the safety of the nation. He was added to the White House coronavirus task force by Vice President Mike Pence, and has been featured on national press conferences updating the public on the pandemic. He recently urged celebrities like Kylie Jenner to encourage young people to stay at home.

Adams said his motto is "better health through better partnerships", and he said that he owes his success to working with the local community and winning people over by putting them first. Adams used his visit to New Orleans to not only discuss the coronavirus, but to encourage more young

people, particularly young people of color, to look at other pressing public health needs. He called on students at historically black universities and colleges to tackle some of America's most pressing health issues like HIV, sickle cell disease, the opioid crisis and even illnesses such as the common cold. Adams' top priorities are community health and economic prosperity, he said. He explained how diseases and illness spread rapidly because the American people prioritize income over health.

"The number one issue that people vote on, whether democratic, republican, black, white, rural or urban, is jobs in the economy," Adams said. "They don't vote on health."

Adams took the time to answer pressing questions and concerns from the public during his talk at

Xavier University of Louisiana. He encouraged students to work hard to make a difference. "It's really the honor of my life to work for you all. I never dreamed growing up on a tobacco farm in southern Maryland, surviving on food stamps and government cheese, that one day I would be the Surgeon General of the United States; that's what can happen when you work hard," Adams said.

Despite his position, Adams said he remains humble when serving the American people. He took the time out of his busy schedule, during a pandemic, to educate future leaders on the right way to deal with such a crisis. He reassured students to not panic and gave tips on hand washing, social distancing and practicing self-quarantine when ill.

"We have to be careful to not let our reaction to the coronavirus be more deadly than the coronavirus itself," Adams said. This was in direct response to people buying out stores, purchasing unnecessary medical supplies and lacking human compassion toward one another.

He urged the audience to advocate for the people in their communities and to look out for their neighbors and those most vulnerable.

"I know many of you all have pathways that are similar with mine in different ways. But, sharing those stories helps shine a light on both the adversity we face and our ability to overcome. It's the resilience that we have in our lives," Adams said.



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Rihanna Donates \$5 Million to Fight Coronavirus COVID-19

Data News Weekly Staff
Edited Report

Superstar entertainer and fashion mogul Rihanna is lending a helping hand in the battle against the spread of COVID-19. Her Clara Lionel Foundation recently announced that it has donated \$5 million toward COVID-19 response efforts.

The \$5 million dollars will support local food banks serving at-risk communities in the U.S. Funds will also be used for testing resources in underprivileged countries, protective equipment, training for health workers and



Rihanna

distribution of respiratory supplies, the foundation's website states.

"It doesn't matter who you are or where you're from, this pandemic will affect us all. And for the world's most vulnerable, the worst may be yet to come," the nonprofit wrote in a statement. "Protecting our frontline health workers and marginalized communities around the world requires getting ahead of it fast. The time to act is now."

Rihanna started the foundation in 2012 in honor of her grandparents, Clara and Lionel Braithwaite.

State & Local News

Interfaith Group Launches "Peace in the Pandemic" Initiative

Clergy and lay leaders offer message of hope during COVID-19 outbreak

Data News Weekly Staff
Edited Report

Recently, a local interfaith group announced a new initiative in response to the COVID-19 outbreak in New Orleans. The Greater New Orleans Interfaith Climate Coalition, which formed just days before the first coronavirus case was discovered in New Orleans, seeks to bring a message of "Peace in the Pandemic" to the people of their community.

"We are called to serve those in need," said Rev. Gregory Manning of Broadmoor Community Church, who is spearheading the initiative. "Recommendations for social distancing are crucial to slowing the spread of the virus, but people are fundamentally social. The current situation has left many feeling lost or alone. And that is where faith communities have a role to play."

"There is hope and joy in di-

vine love," said Dr. Lakshmi Dajak, member of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), popularly known as the Hare Krishna movement. "Even as we feel isolated and disconnected from one another, there is a universal love that connects us all. In times like these, we turn inward to remember that connection, even as we turn outward to fulfill our responsibilities to the beloved community."

As a network dedicated to climate justice and creation care, members are quick to "connect the dots" between the current pandemic and the climate crisis. "It's amazing to see how quickly we've all changed our patterns in response to COVID-19," said Bart Everson, co-organizer for New Orleans Lamplight Circle. "We need to bring that same urgency and flexibility to our response to the climate crisis."



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