



Livingston Parish



Office of the President
and
Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness

LAYTON RICKS
Parish President

MARK HARRELL
LOHSEP Director

Proclamation of Parish Government Offices Closure

WHEREAS, Livingston Parish President Layton Ricks is hereby closing all Parish Government/Council Offices for two weeks effective Monday, 23 March 2020 due to the increased threat to public health from the virus named "SARS-CoV-2" and the disease it causes, named "Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in the effort to limit its spread and protect our employees and the citizens of Livingston Parish; and

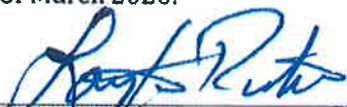
WHEREAS, all Livingston Parish Government employees should be prepared to return to their normal workstations on Monday, 6 April 2020. Department heads and supervisors will keep employees updated on any changes. Parish President Ricks encourages all employees to limit their exposure to this virus through as much self-isolation as possible during this time.

WHEREAS, Parish President Layton Ricks will continue to monitor the situation and make decisions with guidance and information provided by the Livingston Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (LOHSEP), the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) and the Center for Disease Control (CDC); and

WHEREAS, all boards and commissions that are political subdivisions of Livingston Parish should also discontinue public meetings at this time until Monday, 6 April 2020; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Layton Ricks, Livingston Parish President, do hereby proclaim the closure of all Livingston Parish Government/Council Office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the seals of Livingston Parish and the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness this the 17th day of March 2020.



Layton Ricks, Parish President
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WHAT: CLOSURE OF PARISH PRESIDENT/COUNCIL OFFICES

WHEN: MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2020 – MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2020

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Due to the unprecedented circumstances created by COVID-19, Livingston Parish President Layton Ricks has declared a two-week closure of his offices and the offices of the Livingston Parish Council beginning Monday, March 23, 2020.

“While these decisions are never easily made,” Ricks said, “I realize the potential is there for the rapid spread of this virus in our area. My concern is for the health of our employees and their families as well as the health of the general public.”

In order to give each department time to prepare for the extended closure, offices will be fully operational until the close of business on Thursday, March 19, 2020.

In an effort to prevent the spread of the Corona Virus, President Ricks encourages his employees and the public to limit exposure by staying at home as much as possible, avoiding unnecessary group interactions and practicing recommended hygiene routines and social distancing.

During the suspension of normal business hours, the Livingston Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (LOHSEP) will address any emergency situations and/or emergency callouts. LOHSEP can be reached at 225-686-3066.

“Livingston Parish has come together in the past to face seemingly insurmountable obstacles,” Ricks said. “I know the people of Livingston Parish are up to this challenge as well.

“The quicker we respond and the sooner we follow the advice of the health experts, the sooner we will conquer this threat. I ask everyone to be vigilant. I pray that God will continue to bless our Parish and be with each and every one of you.”

Livingston Parish President-Council offices will resume regular business hours on Monday, April 6, 2020, unless a reassessment of the situation dictates additional closures.

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