

Caddo leaders meet to discuss COVID-19

Friday, March 13, 2020

State, parish, and city leaders took part in a Unified Command Group meeting today at the Caddo Sheriff's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness where they discussed preparations and response to Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Caddo Parish remains low risk with one presumptive positive case. As of today, 33 presumptive positive cases have been reported statewide by the Louisiana Department of Health: one each in Caddo, Lafourche, St. Bernard, St. Charles, and Terrebonne parishes; two in St. Tammany; three in Jefferson; and 23 in Orleans.

The Caddo Parish case involves a middle-age male who self-presented, was treated at a local hospital, and is now self-quarantined and recovering. According to SWEPCO, he is an employee at their downtown Shreveport office.

Locally, officials continue to monitor the situation closely. To prevent the spread of the illness, they continue to stress the importance of washing your hands regularly, avoiding large groups, and working from home if you feel ill.

The following information was announced at today's meeting:

- Shreveport Parks and Recreation has canceled all youth sports and senior adult activities until further notice.
- The downtown SWEPCO office at 428 Travis Street is open for all local utility payments.
- The City of Shreveport is urging citizens to make all payments by phone, mail, or online.
- Visitation at Caddo Correctional Center is suspended until further notice. Video visitation with inmates can take place remotely. More information can be found at www.caddosheriff.org under Inmate and Jail Information/Visitation Schedule.
- Citizens are encouraged to sign up for the parish/city emergency alert system, Everbridge, at www.everbridge.net to receive texts and phone messages.
- You can also text COVIDCADDO to 888-777 to receive information from our response community.
- United Way 2-1-1 has partnered with the Louisiana Department of Health to also put the community in touch with the latest health information concerning the coronavirus. Text LACOVID to 898-211.

Updated information will be posted on local government websites and social media accounts as it becomes available.