Sheriff responds to proposed parish mask ordinance

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Caddo Commissioners have called a special meeting for Wednesday where they are expected to vote on an ordinance mandating parish residents to wear face masks in businesses to help combat the spread of COVID-19. The ordinance would require enforcement by the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Steve Prator released the following statement today regarding the proposed ordinance:

"Should the Caddo Parish Commission pass an ordinance requiring that masks be worn, the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office will respond to any complaints from businesses or citizens. We don't expect a great increase in our workload since the law would apply only to unincorporated areas of the parish outside towns like Vivian, Blanchard, and Greenwood, which are more populated.

"These 'failure to wear a mask' complaints will be answered when time permits and when we are not engaged in more pressing matters," the Sheriff said.

Regardless of whether the ordinance passes, Sheriff Prator said he encourages the use of masks when in close proximity to others.