

# Caddo winter storm update (Sunday)

Sunday, February 21, 2021

Over 750,000 units of water were distributed to citizens today at locations throughout the city and parish.

Vehicles caravanned through at six locations in Shreveport, including Southern University-Shreveport, and Independence Stadium, and eight locations in the parish for citizens to receive cases of drinkable water.

More than 14 truckloads of water were received from the state following requests from the Caddo Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness and state and local lawmakers. All supplies were distributed but more water has been requested for additional distribution events in the coming days. Local requests for water are now being filled from as far away as California and Alabama due to demand, COHSEP officials said.

In Shreveport, city officials said there are still 10,000 customers with below minimum water service. During parts of the winter storm, most of the system's 70,000 customers were without water. The water system is expected to be fully restored by Tuesday, but most customers should see a partial level of service before then, they said. A boil advisory remains in effect until further notice.

The Louisiana Rural Water Association is assisting the City's Water Department with crews in marked vehicles looking for burst pipes. Smaller communities are also experiencing water shortages.

In other announcements:

- SporTran resumed regular services at 10:20 a.m. today (Sunday).
- All City of Shreveport offices will remain closed on Monday, February 22. All essential city workers will continue to report to work or work remotely.
- Garbage collection will resume its normal schedule starting Monday, February 22.
- The Caddo Parish Courthouse is closed until further notice.
- Due to the closure of Government Plaza, Parish of Caddo offices are closed to the public, but citizens may still contact the Parish by phone at (318)-226-6900.
- The Caddo Parish Commission work session scheduled for February 22 at 3:30 p.m. will still take place and will be streamed live on the Parish's Facebook page and website.
- All parish compactor sites will resume normal schedules starting Monday, February 22.
- Hospital officials emphasized there is a critical need for blood donations in our area. The inability to travel impacted the number of donors received by Lifeshare Blood Center this past week. If you are able to donate, please contact the center to arrange an appointment as soon as possible.
- The Louisiana Department of Transportation is reviewing its road closures and hopes to have local interstates back open soon. Please check back for up-to-date road information.