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Compliance Inspections of Local Businesses by the Houma Police Department and the Terrebonne Parish Sheriff's Office

Houma, LA – In order to continue to help prevent the spread of COVID19 in Terrebonne Parish, Terrebonne Parish President Gordon Dove has requested that the Houma Police Department and the Terrebonne Parish Sheriff's Office conduct compliance inspections on restaurants, retail outlets and all other businesses serving the public to ensure that employees and owners are wearing face coverings as stated in Governor John Bel Edwards' executive order.

As per executive order, 83 JBE 2020, signed by Governor John Bel Edwards on June 25, 2020, Section 2 (C), "All businesses and organizations shall require that any owner or employee having interactions or contact with the public shall wear a mask or a face covering."

Beginning today, June 29, 2020, local law enforcement officers will issue compliance notifications to those business entities that are not adhering to the Governor's executive order regarding the wearing of face coverings and the closure of waiting areas, lobbies and other areas where members of the public may congregate at business establishments. If the business entity continues to violate the order, the business will be reported to the Louisiana Department of Health and/or the Louisiana State Fire Marshal's Office for enforcement action.

Parish President Gordon Dove would like to remind the citizens of Terrebonne Parish that the coronavirus pandemic is not over and citizens need to continue to practice social distancing, wash your hands frequently with soap and water, use hand sanitizer when soap and water is not available and wear a mask when out in public. "We need to continue to be vigilant in our fight to control the spread of the COVID19," said Dove.

END OF PRESS RELEASE

ATTACHMENT: Compliance Notification



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COMPLIANCE NOTIFICATION

Your restaurant/retail outlet/business establishment is being issued this compliance notification due to the observation of a law enforcement officer from the Houma Police Department or the Terrebonne Parish Sheriff's Office of your employees not wearing face coverings as required by an executive order from the Governor of Louisiana, John Bel Edwards.

As per executive order, 83 JBE 2020, signed by Governor John Bel Edwards on June 25, 2020, Section 2 (C), "All business and organizations shall require that any owner or employee having interaction or contact with the public shall wear a mask or a face covering."

Section 2 (G)(1)(b)(ii) requires all employees and owner of restaurants, cafes, coffee shops and bars shall maintain moderate social distancing between themselves and members of the public and shall wear face coverings at all times if interacting with the public.

Section 2 (G)(1)(b)(iii) requires that waiting areas shall be closed. Members of the public should be required to make reservations or to wait outside, while maintaining moderate social distancing, or in vehicles.

Section 2 (G)(7)(b) requires all employees and owners of other businesses or organizations shall maintain social distancing to the extent possible between themselves and members of the public and shall wear face coverings at all times if interacting with the public.

Section 2 (G)(7)(c) requires waiting rooms, lobbies, or other areas where members of the public may congregate (except for bathrooms) shall be closed to the public. Members of the public should be required to wait outside, while maintaining social distancing, or in vehicles.

Violators of executive order 83-JBE-2020 will be reported to the Louisiana Department of Health or the Louisiana State Fire Marshall's Office for enforcement action.

More information may be obtained at the Louisiana Department of Health website at <u>www.ldh.la.gov</u> or at the Louisiana State Fire Marshal's Office website <u>www.opensafely.la.gov</u>.