Roadmap to a Resilient Louisiana: Phase Two

June 1, 2020
“New normal” for all people*

- Everyone should **wear masks or face coverings** in public except children under 2 and individuals with severe breathing issues

- Everyone should **practice good hygiene**
  - Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; use hand sanitizer if soap and water not available
  - Clean high-touch surfaces and high traffic areas frequently
  - Avoid touching your face
  - Sneeze and cough into tissue, elbow or mask

- **Maintain physical distance** of at least 6 ft from non-household contacts

- **Sick individuals stay home**, isolate from household contacts, and contact medical providers

*High-risk individuals are encouraged to stay home
Gating criteria status - May 31

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*Facility-wide COVID-19 testing is being implemented in many congregate settings throughout the state in order to enhance case detection. These efforts are identifying asymptomatic cases that are included in case counts and may impact epidemic curve trends.*
Statewide Trends

**Gating Indicators | All**

- **Status**
  - Normal
  - Warning
  - Alert

- **% CU Visits | Total ED Visits**
  - Feb 26
  - Mar 7
  - Mar 17
  - Mar 27
  - Apr 6
  - Apr 16
  - Apr 26
  - May 6
  - May 16
  - May 26

- **Incidence Rate by Day**
  - Feb 26
  - Mar 7
  - Mar 17
  - Mar 27
  - Apr 6
  - Apr 16
  - Apr 26
  - May 6
  - May 16
  - May 26

- **Lostback Period (Days)**
  - Feb 26
  - Mar 7
  - Mar 17
  - Mar 27
  - Apr 6
  - Apr 16
  - Apr 26
  - May 6
  - May 16
  - May 26

**Additional Information:**

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Last updated 5/31/2020

Louisiana Department of Health
Region 1

New Orleans

Trends

Gating Indicators | Region 1 - New Orleans

Select a region to see data for that region

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Region 2
Baton Rouge
Trends

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Region 3
South Central Trends

Gating Indicators | Region 3 - South Central

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Region 5 Southwest Trends

Gating Indicators | Region 5 - Southwest

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Region 6 Central Trends

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Status:
- Normal
- Warning
- Alert

% CL Visits / Total ED Visits

Growth with dow., Rebound, In downward traj., Not in downward traj.

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Region 9 Northshore Trends

Gating Indicators | Region 9 - Northshore

- Status: Normal, Warning, Alert

- % CLU Visits / Total ED Visits

- In downward trajectory, Not in downward trajectory, Rebound

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Testing & contact tracing

**Testing**
- Goal: 200K by end of May
  - 206,858 tests as of May 31
- Goal: 10% positivity or lower
  - Under 10% on new results for 24 days

**Contact tracing**
- Goal: By May 15, more than 250 Louisianans hired as contact tracers
  - 613 hired
  - 303 have completed training
- Goal: 100% of calls within 24 hours
  - More than 90% of cases reached out within 24 hours
- Additionally, 219 cases/contacts referred to resource coordinators
Phase Two

Now open with limitations, e.g., up to 50% occupancy with parties maintaining at least 6 feet of distance:*

- Churches
- Solo and non-contact sports
- Playgrounds, outdoor play centers
- Barbers and salons
- Museums, zoos, aquariums (no tactile exhibits)
- Gyms and fitness centers
- Malls
- Restaurants, coffee shops and cafes
- Bars and breweries with LDH food permit
- Theaters
- Casinos and video poker
- Racetracks (not open to spectators)
- Bars and breweries without LDH food permit can open at 25% occupancy seated
- Day spa, tattoo shops, massage shops and estheticians
- Swimming pools (controlled recreational swimming)
- Bowling, skating
- Event centers

*Specific guidance will be provided by the Fire Marshal’s Office via opensafely.la.gov. High-risk individuals are encouraged to stay home in Phase 2.
While not required, below are a few public health recommendations for businesses looking for ways to protect employees and staff:

- **Strongly encourage customers to wear masks or face coverings**
- Encourage symptom screening of customers
- Move to reservation systems
- Encourage sick leave policies that reduce the disincentive for employees to try to come to work sick
- Allow employees in high-risk groups or who directly live with/care for a high-risk individual to work in areas without direct public contact

**Good practices**
Assessing COVID risk of activities*

Time: The more time you spend with other people, the greater the risk.

Space: The closer you are to other people, the greater the risk.

People: The more people you interact with, the greater the risk.

Place: Indoor activities are riskier than outdoor activities.

*Source: Dr. William Miller, an epidemiologist at Ohio State University
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- Individuals 65 years old or older
- Long-term care facility residents
- Vulnerable individuals: immunocompromised OR one or more of the following health conditions with poor control:
  - High blood pressure
  - Diabetes
  - Obesity
  - Chronic kidney disease
  - Heart disease
Reminder: This is our new normal

Other countries’ experiences and public health experts warn us that as we ease restrictions, we could see a spike in case growth. **In order to not move backward, we all need to do our part.**

Contact tracing, testing and mitigation measures (e.g., guidance to stay 6 feet away, occupancy limits) are crucial tools in this fight, but they only work if we take them to heart.

New normal for everyone until we have a vaccine: Masks or face coverings in public, 6ft apart from others, frequent handwashing, and not touching our faces.

Individuals with higher risks are urged to stay home but everyone is safer at home.

**Staying home when sick saves lives.**
Resources

For the public
Dial 211
coronavirus.la.gov
ldh.la.gov/coronavirus

For businesses
opensafely.la.gov
Next steps

Monitor case growth, hospitalizations, COVID-like illnesses and other factors over next 21 days