



LHA COVID-19 ALERT



LHA COVID-19 Alert: March 13, 2020

Good afternoon,

I wanted to commend everyone for the work you have been doing this week regarding COVID-19 response. We have compiled a few updates and resources that will be useful going into the weekend.

- If you need assistance during the weekend, contact LHA VP of Member Services Ken Alexander at kalexander@lhaonline.org or Emergency Preparedness Program Manager Frances Arledge at farledge@lhaonline.org.
- In an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19 in the state, Gov. John Bel Edwards today signed a [proclamation](#) that among other actions immediately halts any gathering of more than 250 people and closes all K-12 public schools statewide until April 13.
- LDH issued an [Update on Evaluation and Testing](#) of Suspected COVID-19 Cases and Home Care Guidance for Patients and Physicians (LA HAN 03/13/20) Note: Guidance now permits asymptomatic exposed healthcare personnel to work while wearing a facemask.
- As of March 10, the current guidance for PPE is listed on the CDC website as [Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Patients with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19 in Healthcare Settings](#).
- We have created [LHA Media Talking Points on Hospital Preparedness](#) to assist your communication staff in addressing media requests. Today, the LHA sent the media an [informational resource](#) on patient privacy.

Additional Resource:

- For non-clinical, general information, you can advise the public to call Louisiana's statewide 211 network. This network is designed and staffed to handle the large volume of calls from Louisiana residents who are concerned and who have questions about the rapidly-spreading virus.

This and other local, state and national hospital-specific resources and guidance from trusted sources can be located on the LHA's COVID-19 [webpage](#). We will continue to monitor developments and update resources as necessary.

Note: This Alert is being distributed to hospital C-Suite personnel in the LHA database.