

St. John the Baptist Parish Public Library

From the St. John the Baptist Parish Library Board of Control

PROCLAMATION

COVID-19 Pandemic

WHEREAS,

COVID-19 was declared a pandemic by the WHO (World Health Organization) on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS,

The CDC (Center for Disease Control and Prevention) has recommended limited exposure to large gatherings of 10 or more individuals, practicing safe social distancing, washing hands regularly, and avoiding close contact with people who are sick; and

WHEREAS,

Louisiana State Government issued a State of Emergency and has canceled all concerts, sporting events, festivals, parades, places to go, and Fundraisers. In addition, the State has closed all bars, movie theatres, and limited restaurant access; and

WHEREAS,

St. John Parish Government declared a state of emergency on March 14th, after the first COVID-19 diagnosis within the Parish; and

WHEREAS,

The St. John the Baptist Parish Library is a community gathering location that typically encourages large group activities and is considered non-essential to parish government during a time of crisis. As a public facility, we are charged with providing a safe and healthy environment for all. As recommended, disinfecting supplies have diminished and are unavailable locally, this has raised our exposure. The health and well-being of our community and employees is our priority. The Library must have the necessary supplies to mitigate the threat to our community health and safety.

Now Therefore, I Lisa Tregre-Wilder, Library Board of Control President, in conjunction with the St. John the Baptist Library Board of Control members, do hereby proclaim the St. John the Baptist Parish Libraries are closed to the public as of Monday, March 16th, 2020 at 6pm until further notice, to ensure the safety of our staff and residents of St. John the Baptist Parish.

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