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Governor



# State of Louisiana

BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLE

Date: March 13, 2020

Re: Suspension of Hearings Due to Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Based on the latest impacts of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) to Louisiana, we are moving into the next steps of response for the Board of Pardons and Committee on Parole. It is our opinion that all parties should be able to safely participate in the hearing process and out of an abundance of caution for all staff involved, victims and the offender population, we have made the following decision:

Effective immediately, all Parole, Pardon, Revocation and Administrative hearings will be suspended for the next 30 days.

- All Parole hearings that have been docketed will be reviewed and will be rescheduled or removed, depending on proximity of Good Time Parole Status release dates and or Full Term dates.
- All Pardon hearings will be rescheduled at a later date.
- All Revocation hearings will be reviewed and rescheduled at a later date.
- All Administrative hearings will be rescheduled at a later date.
- The Committee on Parole will still issue release certificates for offenders who have been granted.

Due to the uncertainty in when this threat will subside, we will be reviewing this decision every 30 days until the threat diminishes. When scheduling resumes the Board of Pardons and Committee on Parole will make every effort to expedite the rescheduling of hearings affected by this suspension. We can be reached with any questions via phone at 225-342-5421 or the via email at: [paroleboard@corrections.state.la.us](mailto:paroleboard@corrections.state.la.us)

Sincerely,

Francis M. Abbott, Executive Director  
Louisiana Board of Pardon & Committee on Parole