

COVID-19 Updates

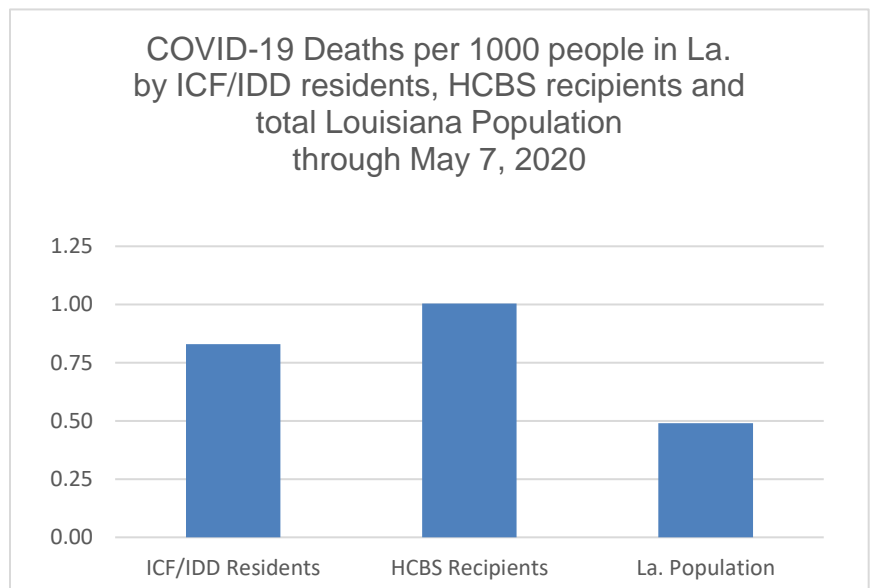
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Phase One of Lifting Stay-at-Home Order

In accordance with the [White House Guidelines for Opening Up America Again](#) Governor Edwards has moved to begin lifting the Stay-at-Home Order for Louisiana to “Phase One” beginning May 15th. Phase One allows additional non-essential businesses and places of worship to open under strict occupancy, protection and social distancing guidelines. [Read Governor Edwards full press release here.](#)

Individuals who are at high-risk should continue to stay at home.

People with developmental disabilities should take extra care to determine if they are at high-risk for complications to COVID-19. In Louisiana, [according to data provided by the Office for Citizens with Developmental Disabilities \(OCDD\)](#), one in every 1,000 recipients of wavier Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) has died due to complications. This is twice as high as the death rate of the general population in Louisiana. Rates of people testing positive for COVID-19 are similar for HCBS recipients and the general population.



Below are memos from OCDD regarding how specific services can, or, in some cases, cannot, make changes to services at this time.

- [Pediatric Day Health Care \(PDHC\) Facilities may provide services in the home while applying specific guidelines.](#)
- [Adult Day Care Centers, Adult Day Health Care Centers, and Program for All-Inclusive Care of the Elderly Centers remain closed through Phase One.](#)

State Budget Impact

Louisiana will have approximately \$1 billion less to spend on state services next fiscal year due to the economic hit from COVID-19. A budget shortfall this large will require very difficult decisions to be made by the Legislature and Governor. Given this budget outlook, the Council’s Executive Committee agreed advocacy efforts will focus on maintaining funding levels for Home and Community-Based Services.

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