

# South Central Planning & Development Commission Newsletter

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**It is South Central Planning & Development Commission's goal to keep the community we serve informed with updated and relevant information. Please feel free to share the below information.**

## **NEWS:**

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### **UNEMPLOYMENT- IMPORTANT CHANGE TO SYSTEM:**

Due to the large number of people on Unemployment jamming up the system, Louisiana Workforce Commission is changing how jobless workers will inform the agency that they remain unemployed during the coronavirus-impacted economy.

Until now, everyone has been able to re-certify on any day, but most people tried to do so on Sundays. Under the new system, when they can do it will depend on the last digit of their Social Security number.

Beginning Sunday, workers whose nine-digit number ends in 0-3 can re-certify on Sundays. Workers whose last digit is 4-6 will be on Monday, 7-9 on Tuesday and everyone from Wednesday thru Saturday, the final day for re-certifying for the week.

### **LOUISIANA IS MOVING CLOSER TO REOPENING:**

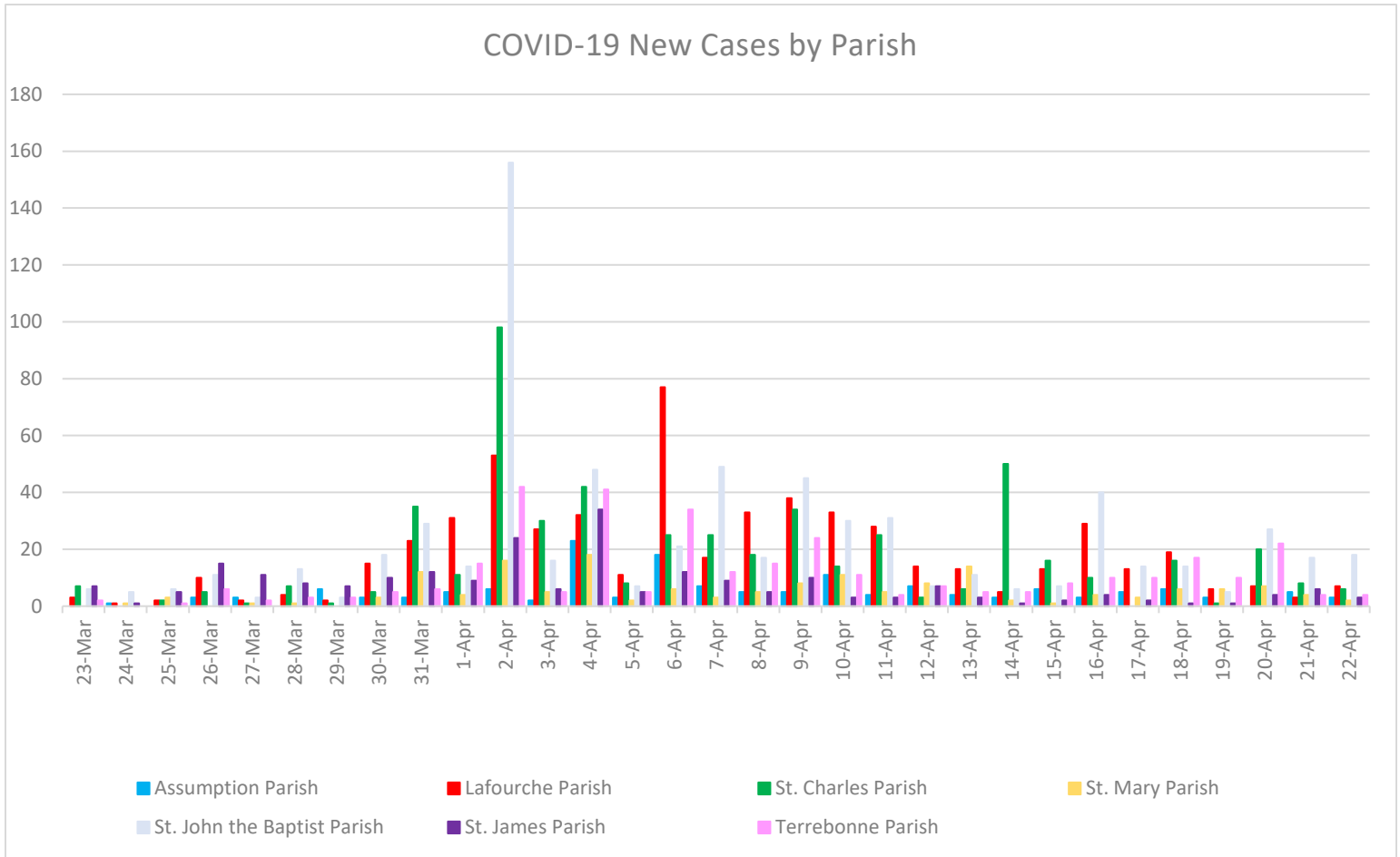
Louisiana is moving closer to meeting 14-day trends recommended by the White House to begin reopening, officials said Wednesday. Gov. John Bel Edwards plans a Monday announcement for what coronavirus-induced restrictions on businesses and residents will look like on May 1, when the state's stay-at-home order is set to expire.

In addition to state-specific guidance provided by health officials here, Edwards said the state is looking to White House guidance for reopening. According to that guidance, President Trump has recommended a three-phase plan.

- In **phase one** the plan recommends strict social distancing for all people in public. Gatherings larger than 10 people are to be avoided and nonessential travel is discouraged.
- In **phase two**, people are encouraged to maximize social distancing and limit gatherings to no more than 50 people unless precautionary measures are taken. Travel could resume.
- **Phase three** envisions a return to normalcy for most Americans, with a focus on identification and isolation of any new infections.

For months, local, state, and national leaders have talked about the need to "flatten the curve" of the novel coronavirus.

The data below shows that our region is "flattening the curve."



**SCPDC CORONA RECOVERY LOANS ARE STILL AVAILABLE:**

South Central Planning & Development Commission rolled out a Corona Recovery Loan Program for small businesses in response to the Corona/Covid-19 Stay Home Orders. The tool is a \$20,000 lump sum Working Capital loan that will include at least 6 months deferred payment, then 60 months of repayments with 0% interest for 2 years and 4% for another 3 years.

While available to all that are eligible, we anticipate helping business owners who might not otherwise qualify for or who may be experiencing delays in applying or receiving the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP).

**Statistics as of April 23, 2020:**

- Approved Applications- 19
- Businesses Funded- 13
- Completed Applications in Review- 8
- Applications Incomplete- 27

# CORONA/COVID-19 OPTIONS

	Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)	Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL)	Louisiana Loan Portfolio Guaranty Program	SCPDC Corona Recovery Loan
<b>Admin</b>	Local Banks (approved by SBA)	SBA	LED, LBA, and LPFA	SCPDC
<b>Eligibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Small business</li> <li>● Private non-profits</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● small businesses</li> <li>● private, nonprofit organizations</li> </ul>	small businesses with less than 100 employees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Small Business with less than 30 employees</li> <li>● Business open for a minimum of 3 years</li> </ul>
<b>Terms</b>	<i>Maturity</i>	2 years	Up to 30 years	Up to 5 years
	<i>Interest</i>	.5-1%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 3.75% for small businesses</li> <li>● 2.75% for non-profits</li> </ul>	Up to 3.5%
	<i>Additional Incentives</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 6-month Deferment</li> <li>● <b>can be FORGIVABLE</b></li> </ul>	Advance Loan up to \$10K available in 3 days	6-month no interest and no payments
<b>Max Amount</b>	\$10 Million	\$2 million	\$100,000	\$20,000
<b>Collateral</b>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>How to Apply</b>	Contact your local bank or visit <a href="http://www.sba.gov">www.sba.gov</a> for a list of SBA lenders.	<a href="https://covid19reli ef.sba.gov/#/">https://covid19reli ef.sba.gov/#/</a>	<a href="https://www.oppo rtunitylouisiana.com/covid19/led-loan-guaranty-program?v=2">https://www.oppo rtunitylouisiana.com/covid19/led-loan-guaranty-program?v=2</a>	Contact Lisa at <a href="mailto:businessloans@scpsc.org">businessloans@scpsc.org</a>

**To apply for SCPDC Corona Recovery Loan**, send an email to [businessloans@scpsc.org](mailto:businessloans@scpsc.org) and we will send to you a link to the application and a few documents that you will need to print, sign, scan and upload as a part of your application.

- **Who is ELIGIBLE?**
  - In business 3 years evidenced by tax filings
  - No more than 30 employees
  - 600 minimum credit score
  - \$25,000 average annual gross revenue over the last 3 years
  - Occupational license (or equivalent)
  - Completed application and supporting documentation (listed below)
  - Other analysis and underwriting to take place internally
  
- **What is needed to apply?**
  - Current parish occupational license
  - Most recent 3 years business taxes
  - YTD PL (and 2019 if you haven't filed taxes yet)
  - Proof of ownership structure
  - Statement of Understanding
  - Business debt schedule
  - For each 20% or more owner
    - Most recent 3 years personal taxes
    - Credit authorization form
    - Individual Profile form
    - Personal financial statement form
    - Copy of Government ID (driver's license)

We are working to assist our Regional small businesses as we lead up to greater recovery efforts as the COVID 19 disaster progresses. Offering this loan is a small step in what will hopefully become a large-scale response as we anticipate working with our State and Federal partners to participate in future comprehensive recovery funding related to small business loans. Please note that we are using our existing loan funds (which are somewhat limited) to offer these loans and we do not have the financial backing of the Federal Government. **These loans are not associated with SBA and are NOT forgivable**, and we are unsure as to how this may trigger duplication of benefits related to SBA loans. They are meant to be an expedited supplement to what PPP might provide and/or to cover items that would otherwise not be forgivable in the PPP.

Sincerely,



Kevin Belanger, CEO

