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The LLBC Urges Individuals to Follow the "Stay at Home" and "Social Distancing" Mandates from the Louisiana Governor

Baton Rouge, Louisiana. As a growing concern for the increasing numbers of the coronavirus also known as COVID-19, the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus (LLBC) membership is urging the Louisiana community and its constituents to follow the stay at home and social distancing guidelines set in place.

"There are increasing efforts across the country to understand the impact of social distancing, school closures, stay at home orders and other mitigation measures as we strive to flatten the curve and slow the spread of this virus, said Governor John Bel Edwards. What we are seeing is that many Louisianans are taking this seriously. Unfortunately, there are still others who are not, and perhaps we have not fully impressed upon all of our citizens the serious consequences of not staying at home."

LLBC Chairman Jimmy Harris, also concurs with the Governor's concerns in this fight against COVID-19 and in particular the reported deaths associated with African Americans dying from this virus. Harris stated, "that according to the reported data from the Louisiana Department of Health there are slightly more than 70 percent deaths from the COVID-19 for African Americans which can be exacerbated by underlying conditions of hypertension, diabetes, chronic kidney disease among other respiratory issues. Therefore, I am strongly encouraging everyone and as a community to continue to stay at home, practice social distancing by staying at least 6-feet away from individuals and by utilizing good hygiene by washing your hands on a regular basis. In addition, it is also recommended that if you go out to wear a face mask/scarf of some sort to protect yourself and others. When we follow all of these mandated guidelines it will help to flatten the curve."

The LLBC membership is encouraging their constituents and the citizens of Louisiana to continue to abide by the stated, "stay at home" and "social distance of 6-feet" mandates in an effort to maintain the safety of ourselves, our loved ones and our community as a whole.

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Established in 1977, the primary purpose of the Louisiana Legislative Black Caucus is to raise the quality of life for those underrepresented, the indigent and working people through legislation, education and economic development.