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Louisiana Legislature. On March 16, 2020, the Louisiana Legislature temporarily adjourned session before it was able to consider any legislation related to a response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The legislature is scheduled to reconvene on March 31, 2020, but will more likely not reconvene until it is safe to once again have large gatherings.

Related Information. Governor John Bel Edwards has declared a [Public Health Emergency](#) and issued multiple [updates](#) related to COVID-19. The latest [proclamation](#) prohibits gatherings of 10 or more individuals and urges individuals to stay at home unless they are performing an essential activity. In addition, the governor has closed schools and businesses, similar to closures in other states.

Cases. As of March 24, 2020, there were 1,172 cases of COVID-19 and 34 deaths in Louisiana. The state laboratory has completed a total of 1,634 tests, and there have been 4,314 tests completed by commercial laboratories. The latest statistics for Louisiana on the pandemic are available [here](#).

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