

CONTACT:

Jamie Angelle

337-291-8012

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 30, 2020

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATIONS

Mayor-President Josh Guillory Urges Caution

This weekend, as we celebrate the Fourth of July and gather with friends and family, Mayor-President Josh Guillory reminds citizens to take precautions, especially as COVID-19 cases have increased in Lafayette Parish. "I encourage our citizens to celebrate our nation's independence but do so with caution. Everyone plays a part in the fight to reduce and slow the transmission of COVID-19," Guillory said. The Mayor-President's recent order limits public gatherings and events to a maximum of 200 people; this does not include churches and places of worship or outdoor sporting events. Masks are also required for all employees of businesses who serve the public. While the wearing of masks is not mandatory for citizens in public areas, everyone is strongly encouraged to wear one in order protect others from the virus.

Whether gathering in a small or large crowd, such as a fireworks show:

- Wear a face mask when social distancing (at least six feet) isn't possible
- Wash hands and sanitize frequently
- Stay home if you're sick

"It's important to celebrate our country's history and the significance of the United States becoming an independent nation, but this year we have to celebrate differently. It's a short-term inconvenience to solve a long-term problem," Guillory said.

###