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GOVERNOR'S PHASE THREE ORDER FORCES LAFAYETTE PARISH BARS TO REMAIN CLOSED

Governor John Bel Edwards signed a proclamation today, placing the state under phase three guidelines, after citing positive progress in Louisiana's efforts to battle the COVID-19 public health emergency. Edwards' order outlined conditions for the reopening of bars, which were forced to close for a majority of the last six months. Under the new order, bars are allowed to open if they are located in a parish that has a percent positivity of 5% or less for two consecutive weeks. According to Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) Region Four Director Dr. Tina Stefanski, Lafayette Parish's current percent positivity is at 6.1%.

Bars with a food service permit from the LDH, restaurants that serve alcohol, weddings, and casinos must adhere to the following guidelines:

- Bars 25% capacity up to 50 people
- No more than 50 people outdoors
- All customers must be seated
- No live music
- Drinks must be served at a table and delivered by wait-staff
- Alcohol sales end at 10:00 pm and customers must be out by 11:00 pm

Additional guidance from the State Fire Marshal's Office can be found at opensafely.la.gov and the Governor's Phase Three Proclamation can be found at gov.la.gov.

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