

**Lafayette City Council and Lafayette Parish Council Receive an “*Update on the Coronavirus and Its Impact Locally*” during a March 3, 2020 Joint Council Meeting**

Dr. Tina Stefanski, a Physician with the Louisiana Office of Public Health and the Regional Medical Director for the Acadiana area, discussed the Coronavirus (also referred to as Covid-19).

Dr. Stefanski stated that:

- There were no confirmed cases in Louisiana;
- The virus spreads very similar to that of the flu or an upper respiratory infection;
- Citizens most impacted by the virus are the elderly and those with underlying medical conditions;
- To prevent exposure to the virus and other viruses:
  - keep hands clean,
  - keep surfaces clean,
  - it is especially important, to keep your hands **away** from your face and
  - stay home if you are sick.
- The Department was working with the School System, Hospitals/medical facilities, government officials, Cajundome, ULL/SLCC and many others on the pandemic plan; and finally
- Testing kits have arrived in Louisiana to begin testing for that specific strand.

Should you have questions, you may call or visit the Lafayette Public Health Unit at:

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