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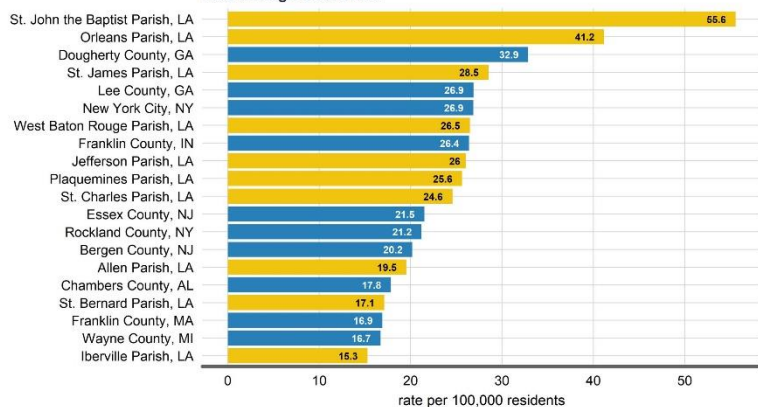
### KEY MESSAGES

#### Top 10 Parishes with Deaths Per Capita

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- We know that half of the top 20 counties, or parishes as we call them here, in the nation for COVID-19 deaths per 100,000 residents are in Louisiana.
- This is an upsetting trend and one that we have to work to reverse.
- The way we reverse this trend is by adhering to the Stay at Home order, with everyone – all across Louisiana – avoiding leaving home for non-essential trips.
- If you have to leave your home, have a plan in place, wear a cloth, non-medical, face mask. For example, go to the grocery or the pharmacy one time and week and only send one person per household.
- The parishes with these high rates of death are St. John the Baptist, Orleans, St. James, West Baton Rouge, Jefferson, Plaquemines, St. Charles, Allen, St. Bernard and Iberville. Two days ago, six parishes were on the list. But everyone across Louisiana should be complying.
- This data comes from Dr. Gary Wagner at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, who has been working on data for the Louisiana Department of Health.
- Louisiana Department of Health data also shows that 70 percent of all deaths in Louisiana are of African Americans, which is an upsetting trend and one that certainly deserves more attention.
- Hypertension is the leading underlying condition of the people who have died in Louisiana.
- We cannot let our foot off the gas. We are not far behind New York and New Jersey. We make projections to help us plan, because we must be prepared. Our projections are based on what we are seeing in our communities, in our labs and in our hospitals.

COVID-19 Deaths Per 100,000 Residents: Minimum of 5 deaths.  
Data through 2020-04-05.



Source: Gary A. Wagner, Professor of Economics, University of Louisiana at Lafayette (Twitter: @\_WagnerG\_)  
Raw data from Johns Hopkins University Center for Systems Science and Engineering.