

State of Louisiana



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER JML 25-124

STATE DEPARTMENT DIRECTIVES RESULTING FROM THE SCHUMER SHUTDOWN

WHEREAS, the Democratic Party's failure, under U.S. Senate Democrat Leader Chuck Schumer, to reach a federal funding agreement has resulted in a shutdown of the United States Government as of October 1, 2025;

WHEREAS, Congressional Republicans, under the leadership of Speaker Mike Johnson of Louisiana, voted to fund the federal government, and our U.S. Senators representing Louisiana have repeatedly done the same to ensure federal appropriations continue. At the same time, Washington D.C. Democrats, in large part, have voted over and over again to keep the federal government closed;

WHEREAS, the ongoing federal funding impasse has widespread repercussions, adversely affecting the elderly, individuals with disabilities, children, and countless federal and state employees, along with the essential services they deliver;

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana is no exception, and due to the lapse in federal funding, the furlough of some employees whose positions are supported by federal funds is expected;

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Health and the Louisiana Workforce Commission both play critical roles in administering the SNAP program and are faced with the difficult task of preparing for anticipated shutdown furloughs that will negatively impact our dedicated state employees and the services they provide for our most vulnerable citizens;

WHEREAS, as of October 2025, an estimated 792,769 Louisianians rely on SNAP benefits to meet their basic nutritional needs, including over 120,000 individuals with disabilities, approximately 356,825 children, and about 88,208 elderly residents who depend on this vital assistance for essential food support;

WHEREAS, the uncertainty of the shutdown looms over the livelihoods of many state employees, causing anxiety and hardship for those who serve the state with unwavering dedication, and further

threatens the well-being of the elderly, individuals with disabilities, and children who rely on the services these employees provide;

WHEREAS, impacted state employees should be planning for the upcoming holidays; instead, they will be faced with determining how to pay their bills because of the Schumer Shutdown;

WHEREAS, it is imperative to recognize the seriousness of this shutdown and the urgent need for decisive action to lessen its impact on the elderly, individuals with disabilities, children, our state employees, and the services they provide for our most vulnerable citizens;

WHEREAS, it is with this understanding that we must approach the impending shutdown furloughs with a sense of solidarity and support, ensuring that those impacted receive the necessary guidance to weather this period of uncertainty;

WHEREAS, the State is compelled to draw upon Revenue Stabilization Fund dollars to maintain SNAP benefits, it is essential to uphold fiscal responsibility and take decisive measures to prevent fraud, waste, and abuse and ensure these funds stay within the State of Louisiana;

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana remains committed to identifying and implementing alternative measures to safeguard the well-being of the elderly, individuals with disabilities, and children, ensuring that their critical needs continue to be met even amidst fiscal uncertainty and operational disruptions.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JEFF LANDRY, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana, order and direct as follows:

Section 1: It is ordered that the Louisiana Department of Health and Louisiana Workforce Commission comply with all State Civil Service Rules for required notice to employees who may be furloughed due to the Schumer Shutdown.

Section 2: It is ordered that Louisiana Department of Health and Louisiana Workforce Commission identify which organizational units are impacted and where necessary, identify employees exempt from furlough by virtue of their responsibilities and job duties.

Section 3: It is ordered that Louisiana Department of Health and Louisiana Workforce Commission prepare a layoff avoidance plan to be submitted to the State Civil Service Commission Director for consideration.

Section 4: It is ordered that the Division of Administration work with impacted State Departments expecting shutdown furloughs develop guidelines that ensure the continuity of health coverage for state employee members of Office of Group Benefits through the most fiscally responsible means.

Section 5: It is ordered that the Division of Administration work with impacted State Departments to compile a list of resources available to state employees.

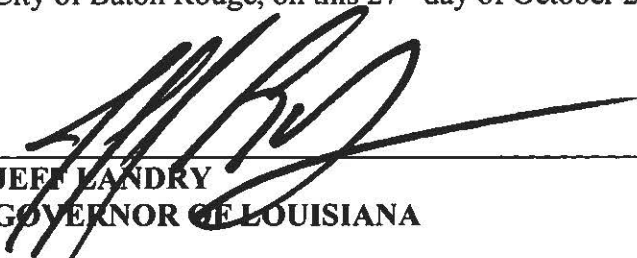
Section 6: It is ordered that the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health pursue and implement a waiver request to prevent Louisiana SNAP cardholders from using their SNAP benefit cards outside of the State of Louisiana.

Section 7: All departments, commissions, boards, agencies and officers of the State, or any political subdivision thereof, are authorized and directed to cooperate in actions the State may take in response to this disaster.

Section 8: This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect unless amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded earlier by the Governor, or terminated by operation of law.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 27th day of October 2025.


JEFF LANDRY
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

ATTEST BY THE
SECRETARY OF STATE


Nancy Landry
SECRETARY OF STATE