

LOUISIANA MONTHLY MORBIDITY

DISEASES REPORTED DURING MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 1969 BY PARISH OF RESIDENCE

INFECTIOUS HEPATITIS - GRANT PARISH

Thirty-five cases of infectious hepatitis with one death were reported during January and February in a small community in Grant Parish. With the exception of one case with onset on November 4, 1968, all cases became ill between January 11 and February 17, 1969. There were 2 preschool children, 25 school children, and 8 adults affected. Of the 25 school children, 18 attended the same school. Males outnumbered females 22 to 13. Investigation of the outbreak revealed that there had been three recreational functions at the community school gymnasium on December 20, 1968, January 3, 1969, and January 11, 1969, and that 29 of the cases had drunk Coca Cola served on ice at at least one of these functions. The ice used on each occasion was made in the school cafeteria freezer. Two wells provide water for the school and samples of water from each well on February 6 were bacteriologically negative. (Investigated by Mrs. Delores Pinckard and Mr. Raymond Jeane, Grant Parish Health Unit.)

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RELEASED	ASEPTIC MENINGITIS	DIPHTHERIA	ENCEPHALITIS	ENCEPHALITIS, POST INFECTION	INFECTIOUS AND SERUM HEPATITIS	MEASLES	MININGOCOCCAL INFECTIONS	PERTUSSIS	POLIOMYELITIS, PARALYTIC	RABIES IN ANIMALS	RHEUMATIC FEVER	STREPTOCOCCAL INFECTIONS	SHIGELLOSIS	TYPHOID FEVER	OTHER SALMONELLOSIS	TETANUS	TUBERCULOSIS, PULMONARY	GONORRHEA	SYPHILIS
March 5, 1969																			
TOTAL TO DATE 1968	0	5	3	0	108	1	41	1	0	12	4	11	7	1	16	0	141	1222	349
TOTAL TO DATE 1969	2	0	4	1	155	2	29	0	0	4	4	89	11	0	15	2	151	1286	328
TOTAL THIS MONTH	1	0	3	1	87	2	12	0	0	1	2	37	6	0	7	1	101	693	174
ACADIA	1				2										1		4	4	1
ALLEN																			
ASCENSION											1	1			1		1	1	3
ASSUMPTION																			2
AVOUELLES					1												3		
BEAUREGARD																			
BIENVILLE																	1		
BOSSIER																			3
CADDO							2										6	51	17
CALCASIEU					5	2	1								4		5	20	2
CALDWELL																			
CAMERON																			
CATAHOULA																	2		
CLAIBORNE																		1	1
CONCORDIA																			1
DESOTO																		1	1
EAST BATON ROUGE					1								1				6	47	14
EAST CARROLL																		2	1
EAST FELICIANA																			1
EVANGELINE																	1		7
FRANKLIN					2												1	2	
GRANT					33												1		
IBERIA																	3	3	
IBERVILLE							1										1	8	

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March 5, 1969																			
JACKSON																	1		
JEFFERSON					2							1	1				9	53	5
JEFFERSON DAVIS																	1	1	
LAFAYETTE					1							2					1	8	1
LAFOURCHE							1					4					2	2	1
LASALLE																	1		
LINCOLN					1													9	1
LIVINGSTON																	1	2	
MADISON															1				10
MOREHOUSE							1											6	6
NATCHITOCHES			1		1														2
ORLEANS				1	14		3				1	23	4				19	291	61
OUACHITA					3												3	55	2
PLAQUEMINES																			
POINTE COUPEE																	2		2
RAPIDES					1												3	4	3
RED RIVER																			
RICHLAND																	3	6	
SABINE																			
ST. BERNARD					2							1					1	5	1
ST. CHARLES																1		1	
ST. HELENA					1												1	3	
ST. JAMES			1																1
ST. JOHN																			1
ST. LANDRY					2		1										6	22	2
ST. MARTIN																		1	
ST. MARY					4												3		
ST. TAMMANY					2		1					1					1	3	4
TANGIPAOHA			1		1		1											9	1
TENSAS					1													1	
TERREBONNE					2												3		4
UNION												3							1
VERMILION					2													1	
VERNON					1													45	1
WASHINGTON																	3	6	3
WEBSTER					1				1								1	2	
WEST BATON ROUGE																		1	3
WEST CARROLL																	1		
WEST FELICIANA																		16	4
WINN					1														
OUT OF STATE																			

From January 1 through February 28 of 1969, the following cases were also reported:
4 Malaria (contracted outside U.S.A.); 1 Brucellosis, 1 Leptospirosis

THE LOUISIANA POISON CONTROL CENTER AT NEW ORLEANS

has received 3,233 telephone calls involving 3,252 products, during the period October 1966 through January 1969. A total of 3,402 patients were involved. It is particularly significant that 61 per cent of the poison cases involved children under age 5. Fourteen of the 50 poison deaths reported in Louisiana in 1967 were in children under age 5.

Accidental ingestion accounted for 2,711 or 84 per cent of the calls to the New Orleans Center; intentional ingestion, 429 calls, 13 per cent; other than ingestions 93 calls, or 3 per cent. Male patients totalled 1,793 or 53 per cent; female patients, 1,438 or 42 per cent; and the sex of 171 or 5 per cent of the patients was unknown.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF LOUISIANA POISON CONTROL CENTER AT NEW ORLEANS

October 1966 through January 1969

<u>AGES OF PATIENTS</u>			<u>PRODUCTS INVOLVED</u>		
0 - 1 Year	152	4.5%	Medicines	1,114	34.3%
1 - 2	806	23.7	Household Products	560	17.2
2 - 3	667	19.6	Pesticides	450	13.8
3 - 4	320	9.4	Cosmetics	215	6.6
4 - 5	159	4.7	Petroleum Products	195	6.0
5 - 6	70	2.1	Paints and Solvents	183	5.6
Over 6 Years	1,015	29.9	Plants	165	5.1
Unknown	213	6.2	Gases and Vapors	81	2.5
			Bites and Stings	63	1.9
			Miscellaneous	220	6.8
			Unknown	6	0.2

MARCH 16 - 23, NATIONAL POISON PREVENTION WEEK

The eighth annual observance of National Poison Prevention Week will again focus on the problem of accidental poisoning in children. Medical, public health, pharmaceutical, and safety agencies and organizations, joined by innumerable civic and voluntary groups, will conduct a massive educational campaign.

Of primary interest to physicians is this reminder that there are four poison control centers in Louisiana, all linked to the National Clearinghouse for Poison Control Centers, providing information on request to physicians throughout the state.

SHREVEPORT

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Washington-St. Tammany Charity Hospital
Telephone 735-1322

MONROE

St. Francis Hospital
Telephone 325-6454
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Telephone 325-2611
(after 10 p.m.)

NEW ORLEANS

U.S. Public Health Service Hospital
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