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## MONTHLY MORBIDITY REPORT

### Provisional Statistics

FROM THE

### PUBLIC HEALTH STATISTICS SECTION

Reported Morbidity  
November, 1974

### CANCER ADDED TO THE LIST OF REPORTABLE DISEASES

Effective December 1, 1974, Cancer was declared a reportable disease by William H. Stewart, M.D., Commissioner and State Health Officer, Louisiana Health and Human Resources Administration in accordance with provisions of the Sanitary Code, State of Louisiana.

The following is now a complete list of the diseases reportable to the State Division of Health:

#### REPORTABLE DISEASES

Amebiasis	Mycobacteriosis (Atypical Acid-fast)
Anthrax	PLAGUE*
Aseptic Meningitis	Poliomyelitis
BOTULISM*	Psittacosis
Brucellosis	Rabies, Human
Cancer	Rat Bites
Chancroid	Rheumatic Fever
CHOLERA*	Rubella and
Diphtheria	Congenital Rubella Syndrome (Specify)
Encephalitis (Specify Type)	Salmonellosis
FOOD POISONING*	Shigellosis
Gonorrhea and	SMALLPOX*
Ophthalmia Neonatorum (Specify)	Starvation and
Granuloma Inguinale	Severe Undernutrition
Hepatitis, Infectious and	Syphilis
Serum (Specify)	Tetanus
Leprosy	Trichinosis
Leptospirosis	Tuberculosis
Lymphopathia Venereum	Tularemia
Malaria	Typhoid
MEASLES*	Typhus (Specify Type)
Meningococcal Infections	Whooping Cough (Pertussis)
Mumps	YELLOW FEVER*

\* Report suspected cases immediately by telephone.

## ZOSTER IMMUNE GLOBULIN PROGRAM: ZIG

Susceptible persons with high risk conditions (leukemia, lymphoma, immunodeficiency conditions, or treatment with immunosuppressive medications) who have been exposed to varicella (chickenpox) can develop very serious disease and even die if they develop chickenpox. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has available on a research basis an experimental drug that may prevent these complications.

The drug, zoster immune globulin (ZIG), is recovered from plasma taken from patients who are recuperating from herpes zoster. Those eligible to receive the drug are (1) neonates at high risk of congenital varicella, i.e. when maternal varicella first appears within 4 days before delivery; and (2) susceptible children with high risk conditions who have been exposed to a confirmed active case of varicella within the previous 72 hours. Not eligible for ZIG are (a) adults, (b) children with already established varicella-zoster infection, and (c) children with previous history of varicella-zoster infection.

ZIG will be distributed from 2 lots of differ-

ing titer according to a protocol investigating dose-efficacy relationships. Physicians caring for patients who have been exposed to varicella and meet the above criteria should contact Dr. Robert Rosenberg or other staff in the Immunization Division at the Center for Disease Control (404-633-3738).

ZIG supplies are low (usually the need is twice as great as the supply available), and plasma for future lots of ZIG is now being accepted. Donations can be made by any person infected with herpes zoster who is otherwise in good health, provided that the plasma is collected one to five weeks after onset of rash. Complement fixing antibodies titers are at their highest 14 to 35 days after onset of illness. Plasmaphoresis may be performed (at no cost) twice weekly until a maximum of 4 units of plasma is donated. Arrangements can be made to collect the plasma by contacting Dr. Charles Caraway of the State Division of Health (504-527-8121) or alternatively Dr. Robert Rosenberg at the Center for Disease Control (404-633-3738).



Merry Christmas

## SELECTED REPORTABLE DISEASES

(By Place of Residence)

STATE AND PARISH TOTALS Reported Morbidity November, 1974	ASEPTIC MENINGITIS	DIPHTHERIA	ENCEPHALITIS	ENCEPHALITIS, POST INFECTIONOUS	HEPATITIS A AND UNSPECIFIED	HEPATITIS B	TUBERCULOSIS, PULMONARY	MENINGOCOCCAL INFECTIONS	PERTUSSIS	RABIES IN ANIMALS	RUBELLA*	SEVERE UNDERNUTRITION	SHIGELLOSIS	TYPHOID FEVER	OTHER SALMONELLOSIS	TETANUS	MEASLES	GONORRHEA	SYPHILIS, PRIMARY AND SECONDARY
TOTAL TO DATE 19 73	108	0	17	4	706	135	488	47	12	50	100	51	215	6	225	4	87	21412	757
TOTAL TO DATE 19 74	140	0	17	5	569	172	505	47	20	23	130	18	164	10	229	3	12	22826	557
TOTAL THIS MONTH	6	0	2	0	56	8	20	4	1	0	37	0	11	1	16	0	0	1749	39
ACADIA																			9
ALLEN																			
ASCENSION																			5
ASSUMPTION																			6
AVOUELLES															1				7
BEAUREGARD																			2
BIENVILLE																			6
BOSSIER					4		1												22
CADDO					5		2						2						114
CALCASIEU					4		1												66
CALDWELL																			2
CAMERON																			
CATAHOULA							1								1				3
CLAIBORNE																			13
CONCORDIA																			4
DESOTO													1						3
EAST BATON ROUGE			1		5	1									3				104
EAST CARROLL																			4
EAST FELICIANA																			1
EVANGELINE							1												4
FRANKLIN																			5
GRANT																			15
IBERIA					2		1												2
IBERVILLE			1																8
JACKSON																			5
JEFFERSON	1				4	1	1	1			1				3				99
JEFFERSON DAVIS																			4
JEFFERSON DAVIS																			6
LAFAYETTE					1														28
LAFOURCHE					2														12
LASALLE																			1
LINCOLN					1														1
LIVINGSTON																			51
MADISON																			6
MADISON																			2
MOREHOUSE																			4
MOREHOUSE																			4
NATCHITOCHE																			44
ORLEANS	5				15	3	7	1					5	1	3				604
ORLEANS																			20
OUACHITA					2								1						45
PLAQUEMINES																			1
PLAQUEMINES																			3
POINTE COUPEE																			3
RAPIDES					1	1			1										58
RED RIVER																			2
RICHLAND															1				16
SABINE																			13
ST. BERNARD								1					2						8
ST. CHARLES																			8
ST. HELENA																			2
ST. JAMES																			5
ST. JOHN						1													6
ST. LANDRY					2		1												26
ST. MARTIN							1												9
ST. MARY					1														1
ST. TAMMANY					1		1												1
TANGIPAHOA					4														28
TANGIPAHOA																			43
TENSAS																			1
TERREBONNE						1	1												2
UNION							1												4
VERMILION					1			1							1				9
VERNON					1						36				3				94
WASHINGTON																			17
WEBSTER																			32
WEST BATON ROUGE																			15
WEST CARROLL																			2
WEST FELICIANA																			24
WINN																			5
OUT OF STATE																			1

\* Includes Rubella, Congenital Syndrome

From January 1 through November 30, 1974, the following cases were also reported: 3-Brucellosis; 1-Malaria (contracted outside the U.S.A.); 1-Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever