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Chairman, Mobile County Board of Health

SUBJECT: Informational Items for July 2007

- The TB Clinic skin tested 420 individuals, 95 of whom did not return for their readings. The no-show rate for skin test readings is 33 percent. There are currently 15 individuals on Directly Observed Therapy. There have been 7 verified cases of tuberculosis so far this year compared to 14 for the same period last year.
- Epidemiology reports that it followed 6 cases of campylobacteriosis, 1 case of giardiasis, 12 cases of salmonellosis, and 25 cases of shigellosis, and did 40 hepatitis follow-ups.
- There were 2 cases of AIDS and 1 HIV case. There have been 32 cases of AIDS and 51 cases of HIV and year to date.
- All STD Clinic personnel completed Dark Field Recertification training. The state STD Division provided the clinic with two new rotators. The clinic's CLIA certificate was moved from the state laboratory to the Mobile County laboratory.
- Immunizations Program staff administered 2,474 pediatric shots and 415 adult shots, and issued 400 blue cards.
- Vector Control personnel conducted 604 mosquito inspections, applied 382 larviciding treatments, 141 adulticiding treatments, and responded to 366 Mosquito complaints from the public. Vector Control also received 124 complaints about rodents.



*The Mobile County Health Department has earned
the Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval.*

- All Emergency Preparedness Team members were involved in the state's full-scale Pandemic Influenza Exercise. The Emergency Preparedness Team was responsible for assisting with the setup of the alternate care site, and observing and participating in the exercise. It was also assigned the lead role in the dismantling of the alternate care site. The Emergency Preparedness team updated and revised the Mobile County Health Department's Disaster Preparedness Plan and established matrices to reflect hurricane-related preparedness activities to be undertaken by the Health Department. The Hurricane Preparedness and Response section of the Disaster Preparedness Plan was revised to closely mirror the new timeline used by the Mobile County Emergency Management Agency.
- The Food & Lodging Department got the go-ahead to conduct a public hearing on the proposed day care rules. Food & Lodging personnel met with representatives of five counties to plan strategy to handle the influx of temporary food vendors who will be on the ThyssenKrupp site. The department sent out over 2,000 applications for permit renewals to all food, lodging, and body art establishments. It also began inspections so that permits can be renewed as soon as the applications and fees are received. The department also inspected and permitted eight food vendors at the Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo.
- One Sanitary Sewer Overflow advisory was issued in July when heavy rains caused the discharge of 8,000 gallons of untreated sewage from a manhole at Whistler and Patricia streets in Prichard. Health Officer Dr. Bernard Eichold issued a health advisory to area residents who may have come into contact with any standing water that may have accumulated as a result of this overflow. It warned them to take precautions and to wash their hands and clothing thoroughly. The advisory also said that all seafood harvested from affected waters should be thoroughly cooked before consumption and that Individuals should wash their hands after cleaning any fish or other seafood and also before preparing food.



BREAKING NEWS: Governor Bob Riley and Dr. Donald Williamson, State Health Officer, held a news conference at 3:30 p.m. this afternoon stating that heat related illnesses or deaths are a reportable condition. The plan for reporting will be through hospital admissions and ER visits for the period August 1st through September 30th.