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TO: Board of Censors
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FROM: Ted N. Catranis, M.D., F.A.C.O.G., Chairman
Mobile County Board of Health

SUBJECT: Informational Items for October 2006

- The Immunizations Program anticipates receiving a partial shipment of influenza vaccine prior to Thanksgiving.
- Food and Lodging environmentalists covered two major events: The Greater Gulf State Fair and Bay Fest. All food & lodging permits expired September 30th; as a result, over 2,000 permits were issued.
- Vector Control Mosquito Program staff sprayed 11 nights covering 64 spray routes, and due to either rain, cold or windy conditions 12 nights could not be sprayed. Rodent Control Program staff had 143 residential visits which included complaints, rechecks or follow-up inspections, poison placed and others.
- Four Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SOS) were issued during the month of October. The Health Department issues a Health Advisory to area residents to take precautions when using the affected bodies of waters for recreational purposes due to the release of untreated sewage. Individuals were warned that all seafood harvested in the general area should be thoroughly cooked before consumption. Individuals should wash hands after cleaning fish/seafood and before preparing food. Three SOS's were issued for Mobile with a total of 15,850 gallons of untreated sewage with 10,650 gallons discharged into Eslava Creek, 4,200 gallons into Robinson Bayou and 1,000 gallons into Three Mile Creek. One SOS was issued for the City of Bayou La Batre with 8,700 gallons of untreated sewage discharged into Bayou La Batre Bayou.



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- Program Services
 - The TEEN Center (Teens Empowered through Education and Nurturing) held a press conference Monday, October 30th regarding continued funding for the program. The TEEN Center welcomed U.S. Congressman Jo Bonner. A TEEN Center client presented Congressman Bonner with an Award of Appreciation for his support for continued funding of Healthy Start programs nationwide and more specifically the Mobile TEEN Center. The program receives funding from private foundations, local, state and national funding initiatives. Services include, but not limited to, home visitation by Parents As Teachers-Certified Family Support Workers, case management, GED Preparation classes, mental health counseling and referral, health education, fatherhood classes, and child care and transportation assistance. In addition to these direct services, the S.W.A.T. (Students Working Against Tobacco) program and the Alabama Baby Coalition also operate out of the Teen Center.
- As of October, 2006 there have been 63 cases of HIV and 66 cases of AIDS reported in Mobile County.