



# Mobile County Health Department

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TO: Board of Censors  
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FROM: Charles B. Rodning, M.D., Ph.D., F.I.C.S., F.A.C.S.  
Chairman, Mobile County Board of Health

SUBJECT: Informational Items for April 2007

- The Joint Commission surveyed the MCHD Laboratory and reported that we will receive reaccreditation. The next survey will be in two years.
- The TB Clinic skin tested 307 individuals. There are currently 10 individuals on Directly Observed Therapy. There have been 4 verified cases of tuberculosis so far this year compared to 6 for the same period last year.
- Epidemiology reports that it followed 1 case of neisseria meningitis, 9 cases of shigellosis, 1 case of campylobacter, and 3 cases of salmonella. Epidemiology also followed several refugees and maternal hepatitis B cases. Epidemiology quarantined two men for chicken pox who were on a cruise ship in dry dock.
- AIDS Control conducted outreach educational sessions at two residential drug treatment programs for women. Additionally, HIV testing and counseling was performed at a male residential drug rehabilitation center.
- As of April 28<sup>th</sup>, there were 30 cases of HIV and 28 cases of AIDS year to date.
- STD personnel conducted a community outreach at Gay Pride Day and tested 34 tested for sexually transmitted diseases.
- Immunizations Program staff administered 1,225 pediatric shots and 346 adult shots, and issued 204 blue cards.



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

- The Mobile County Health Department was awarded a \$46,000.00 Grant from the Alabama Department of Conservation titled Onsite Sewage Disposal System Inventory Project. This will aid in working toward adopting new technology to address storage issues, and have our inspection documents become electronic similar to the electronic medical record.
- Vector Control personnel conducted 841 mosquito inspections. They applied 359 larviciding treatments and 7 adulticiding treatments. Vector Control also received 88 complaints about rodents.
- Emergency Preparedness reports that 18 Health Department personnel attended an all-day Agricultural Incident Response and Investigation awareness-level training course in Atmore. It was presented by the South Central Center for Public Health Preparedness, which is funded by the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention. The course was designed for public health, animal health, and law enforcement officials.
- In addition to its ongoing food service inspections, the Food & Lodging Department worked two special events. It also began inspecting swimming pools already opened
- Six Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) advisories were issued in April. Four SSOs issued for Mobile totaled 62,000 gallons of untreated sewage with 3,000 gallons discharged into Three Mile Creek, 15,200 gallons into Eslava Creek, 7,200 gallons into Montlimar Creek, and 33,600 gallons that were contained. One SSO issued for Prichard totaled 9,400 gallons of untreated sewage reaching Eight-Mile Creek, and one SSO issued for Chickasaw totaled 1,000 gallons reaching Chickasabogue Creek. MCHD issued health advisories to area residents to take precautions when using affected bodies of waters for recreational purposes. Individuals were warned that all seafood harvested from affected areas should be thoroughly cooked before consumption and that individuals should wash their hands after cleaning seafood and before preparing food.
- Rabies post-exposure treatment. MCHD receives its rabies vaccine from Sanofi-Pasteur. The incubation period for rabies is anywhere from 9 days to one year. Each person receives 5 doses of rabies vaccine at a cost of \$161.46 per dose plus one dose Rabies Immune Globulin (RIG) at a cost of \$148.06 based on weight. The schedule for treatment is day 0, one dose of rabies vaccine along with RIG; day 3, one dose rabies vaccine; day 7, one dose rabies vaccine; day 14, one dose rabies vaccine; and day 28, one dose of rabies vaccine. Side effects are minimal. MCHD treated 8 people in 2005, 4 in 2006, and 3 to date for 2007.

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