

Cameron Parish School Board

*Mrs. Marsha Trahan, Dist. 1 Dwayne Sanner, Dist. 2, President R. Scott Nunez, Dist. 3
Ms. Dot Theriot, Dist. 4 Loston McEvers, Dist.5 Marvin Trahan, Dist. 6 Mrs. Karen Nunez, Dist 7*

Stephanie Rodrigue, Superintendent

P.O. Box 1548, Cameron, LA 70631-1548

1027 Hwy 384 Lake Charles LA 70607

Phone 337.905.5784 Fax 337.905.5097

August 21, 2009

Dear Parents,

Thank you for the role that you played in a very successful start to our new school year! Your assistance and involvement will help assure that we do our best for your children.

Since the original packet went home with students on our first day, there are a few more issues that may be of particular interest to you:

Open House

Open Houses throughout the parish are scheduled as follows:

- Tuesday, August 25, 2009
Johnson Bayou High School Cafeteria, 6:00 P.M.
Hackberry High School Auditorium, 6:30 P.M.
- Wednesday, August 26, 2009
South Cameron High School Cafeteria, 5:30 P.M.
Grand Lake High School Front Gym (elementary grades), 6:00 P.M.
- Thursday, September 3, 2009
Grand Lake High School Cafeteria (high school grades), 6:00 P.M.

In addition to your school's agenda and teacher "meet and greets", I will also have a group of speakers who will give short updates on various topics such as construction issues at your school, student insurance, a new organizational binder for parents of children with significant medical issues, and other topics.

Student Insurance

Please be aware that the Cameron Parish School Board voted to purchase school insurance for all students. This excess secondary policy covers student accidents that occur during the school day, at athletic and extra-curricular activities (basically, all school-sponsored and school-supervised activities) helping to pay on balances remaining after your insurance pays on medical charges. (Special note: For those students covered by Medicaid or LaCHIP, this policy pays before Medicaid or LaCHIP.) The attached two-sided Schedule of Benefits explains the coverage that has been purchased for your children. (You do have the option to purchase 24 hour coverage and/or extended dental, as noted at the bottom of the form.) Please take the opportunity to thank your school board members for making this insurance possible for all students at no cost to parents! This is a first for our parish and very few parishes do this!

H1N1 (Swine) Flu

Attached is the latest information from the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals on the H1N1 (Swine) Flu. Good hygiene remains the first and most important defense. We have been advised to remind students and employees to stay home when sick. You should also expect to be asked several health-related questions when you check your child out of school and when your child is absent. We must all do our part to keep our students and employees healthy!

(continued on reverse)

School Calendars

As we continue to hope for an uneventful hurricane season, please note that we do have a few “evacuation days” built into the calendar. As shared last Spring, please be aware that we hope to add these days to Mardi Gras week, if they are not used, and perhaps elsewhere. Easter is very close to state-wide testing this year. Please be aware that there is a possibility that one segment of LEAP/iLEAP/GEE may be given a day or so ahead of the current schedule on your calendar. As soon as the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) makes a decision, we will let you know.

6th Annual Ethel Precht Cancer 3K Walk/Run

Also attached is the entry blank for the Annual Ethel Precht Walk/Run for your convenience. These funds benefit only Calcasieu and Cameron Parish residents.

Again, my best wishes for a great school year!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephanie Rodrigue". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Stephanie Rodrigue
Superintendent

Usual and Customary Charges (U&C) means a charge that: (1) is made for a Covered Accident Medical Service; (2) does not exceed the usual level of charges for similar treatment, services or supplies in the locality where the expense is incurred; (3) is a negotiated fee; and (4) does not include charges that would not have been made if no insurance existed.

Injury means bodily injury caused by an accident that: (1) occurs while the Policy is in force as to the person whose injury is the basis of claim; (2) occurs while such person is participating in a Covered Activity; and (3) results directly and independently of all other causes in a covered loss.

Hospital means a facility that: (1) is operated according to law for the care and treatment of injured and sick people; (2) has organized facilities for diagnosis and surgery on its premises or in facilities available to it on a prearranged basis; (3) has 24 hour nursing service by registered nurses (R.N.'s); and (4) is supervised by one or more Physicians. A Hospital does not include: (1) a nursing, convalescent or geriatric unit of a hospital when a patient is confined mainly to receive nursing care; (2) a facility that is, other than incidentally, a rest home, nursing home, convalescent home or home for the aged; nor does it include any ward, room, wing, or other section of the hospital that is used for such purposes; (3) any military or veteran's hospital or soldiers home or any hospital contracted for or operated by any national government or government agency for the treatment of members or ex-members of the armed forces, except if there is a legal obligation to pay.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT BENEFITS

If Injury to the Insured results within 365 days of the date of the accident that caused the Injury, in any one of the Losses specified below, the Company will pay the Maximum Amount shown below for that Loss: For Loss Of:

Life.....	\$15,000
Both Hands or Both Feet or Sight of Both Eyes.....	\$30,000
One Hand and One Foot.....	\$30,000
One Hand and the Sight of One Eye.....	\$30,000
One Foot and the Sight of One Eye.....	\$30,000
Speech and Hearing in Both Ears.....	\$30,000
One Hand or One Foot or the Sight of One Eye.....	\$15,000
Speech or Hearing in Both Ears.....	\$15,000
Hearing in One Ear.....	\$7,500
Thumb and Index Finger of the Same Hand.....	\$7,500

"Loss" of a hand or foot means complete severance through or above the wrist or ankle joint. "Loss" of sight of an eye means total and irrecoverable loss of the entire sight in that eye. "Loss" of hearing in an ear means total and irrecoverable loss of the entire ability to hear in that ear. "Loss" of speech means total and irrecoverable loss of the entire ability to speak. "Loss" of thumb and index finger means complete severance through or above the metacarpophalangeal joint of both digits.

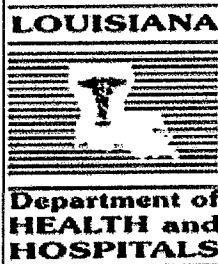
If more than one Loss is sustained by an Insured as a result of the same accident, only one amount, the largest, will be paid.

EXCLUSIONS

This Policy does not cover any loss caused in whole or in part by, or resulting in whole or in part from, the following:

1. suicide or any attempt at suicide or intentionally self-inflicted injury or any attempt at intentionally self-inflicted injury.
2. sickness, disease or infections of any kind; except bacterial infections due to an accidental cut or wound, botulism or ptomaine poisoning.
3. the Insured's commission of or attempt to commit a felony.
4. declared or undeclared war, or any act of declared or undeclared war.
5. participation in any team sport or any other athletic activity, except participation in a Covered Activity as defined by the policy.
6. full-time active duty in the armed forces, National Guard or organized reserve corps of any country or international authority. (Unearned premium for any period for which the Insured is not covered due to his or her active duty status will be refunded.) (Loss caused while on short-term National Guard or reserve duty for regularly scheduled training purposes is not excluded.)
7. travel or flight in or on (including getting in or out of, or on or off of) any vehicle used for aerial navigation. If the Insured is: a. riding as a passenger in any aircraft not licensed for the transportation of passengers for hire. b. performing, learning to perform or instructing others to perform as a pilot or crew member of any aircraft.
8. any condition for which the Insured is entitled to benefits under any Workers' Compensation Act or similar law.
9. the Insured being under the influence of narcotics or intoxicants, unless taken under the advice of a Physician.
10. repair or replacement of existing artificial limbs, artificial eyes or other prosthetic appliances or rental of existing Durable Medical Equipment unless due to a covered Injury. Applicable to Accident Medical Expense Only.
11. new, or repair or replacement of, dentures, bridges, dental implants, dental bands or braces or other dental appliances, crowns, caps, inlays or onlays, fillings or any other treatment of the teeth or gums, except for repair or replacement of sound natural teeth damaged or lost as a result of Injury up to the Dental Maximum shown in the Benefit Schedule. Applicable to Accident Medical Expense Only.
12. new eye glasses or contact lenses or eye examinations related to the correction of vision or related to the fitting of glasses or contact lenses, unless Injury has caused impairment of sight; or repair or replacement of existing eyeglasses or contact lenses unless due to a covered Injury. Applicable to Accident Medical Expense Only.
13. new hearing aids or hearing examinations unless Injury has caused impairment of hearing; or repair or replacement of existing hearing aids unless due to a covered Injury. Applicable to Accident Medical Expense Only.
14. rental of Durable Medical Equipment where the total rental expense exceeds the usual purchase expense for similar equipment in the locality where the expense is incurred (but if, in the Company's sole judgment, Accident Medical Expense benefits for rental of Durable Medical Equipment are expected to exceed the usual purchase expense for similar equipment in the locality where the expense is incurred, the Company may, but is not required to, choose to consider such purchase expense as a Usual and Reasonable Covered Accident Medical Expense in lieu of such rental expense). Applicable to Accident Medical Expense Only.
15. any charge for medical care for which the Insured is not legally obligated to pay. Applicable to Accident Medical Expense Only.
16. care, treatment or services provided by an Insured or by an Immediate Family Member. Applicable to Accident Medical Expense Only.
17. routine physical exam and related medical services. Applicable to Accident Medical Expense Only.
18. personal comfort or convenience items, such as but not limited to Hospital telephone charges, television rental, or guest meals while confined in a Hospital. Applicable to Accident Medical Expense Only.
19. plastic or cosmetic surgery, except for reconstructive surgery on an injured part of the body. Applicable to Accident Medical Expense Only.
20. hernia. Applicable to Accident Medical Expense Only.

News

[print](#) | [close](#)[← Back to News](#)

NEWS RELEASE

Friday, August 07, 2009

Contact: Bureau of Media & Communications; (225) 342-1532

DHH Issues Back-to-School Guidelines for Flu Prevention

Students and teachers urged to stay home when sick and get a seasonal flu vaccine

BATON ROUGE— With the school year now underway throughout most of the state, health officials are urging students and parents to add one more item to the back-to-school checklist: a plan to avoid getting and spreading the flu and for what to do if someone in your family does get it.

"We fully expect to see widespread seasonal and H1N1 flu activity, so families should plan for what to do when it happens," said Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals Secretary Alan Levine. "Fortunately, the prevention and treatment tips for both strains of the flu are the same. With aggressive attention to prevention and treatment, we can help reduce the health impact of flu and minimize unnecessary interruptions in our schools, work places and communities."

People should try to stay healthy by using these hygiene tips:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, and throw away the tissue after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid close contact with sick people.

"Even though we are outside of our 'normal' flu season, the flu is still circulating and both seasonal flu and H1N1 will continue to spread throughout the year," said State Health Officer Dr. Jimmy Guidry. "If there are two tips I can give Louisiana citizens, whether they're students, parents or teachers, it's to get a seasonal flu vaccine when the vaccine becomes available, and stay home when you are sick."

A seasonal flu vaccination can help reduce the need for expensive and time-consuming medical treatment later by protecting people from coming down with the flu in the first place. This is especially important for people at high risk of complications from influenza, including children under five years old; adults 65 years of age and older; pregnant women; and people with existing respiratory, pulmonary and certain other underlying medical conditions, such as asthma, diabetes and heart disease.

"Because the new H1N1 flu vaccine won't be available until at least December, it is important for students and school workers, especially very young children and their caregivers, to get a seasonal flu shot, to help avoid getting seasonal flu this year," Dr. Guidry said. "When the new H1N1 vaccine becomes available, people can go back to get that one, too."

To limit the spread of the virus as much as possible, parents, teachers and students need to be able to identify the symptoms of influenza-like illness, like fever with a cough or sore throat. Students who appear to have these symptoms at school should be isolated promptly, and sent home as soon as possible. Symptomatic faculty and staff should be removed from contact with others and also allowed to go home.

To help ensure they do not pass the virus on to others, patients should not return to work or school—or anywhere else, such as group childcare, shopping centers, sporting events or other public and community events— until they have been symptom-free without fever-reducing medication for at least 24 hours.

At this time, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is NOT recommending school closures or dismissals if there are confirmed or suspected cases of the flu, so flu identification and patient isolation are key steps in preventing spread of flu.

The good news for parents and school workers is that the vast majority of symptoms associated with flu-like illnesses can be treated at home. The recommended treatment for the flu in patients without additional complications is rest, plenty of fluids and fever-reducing medicines. (Aspirin or products with aspirin should never be given to anyone under 18 due to the risk of Reye syndrome.)

If a patient's symptoms are severe or he or she experiences complications, the patient should CALL his or her health care provider to see if an appointment is necessary.

People at high risk for complications from influenza also should call their doctors if they experience flu-like symptoms. Rather than go to a doctor's office, these people should talk to their doctor to determine the best medical intervention or course of treatment.

Since the H1N1 outbreak in the spring, DHH has been working closely with the Department of Education to develop and disseminate pandemic flu plans to school systems, and to share flu prevention methods, good hygiene techniques and general flu messages for schools.

For the latest information on the H1N1 virus, visit www.FluLa.com. The Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals strives to protect and promote health statewide and to ensure access to medical, preventive and rehabilitative services for all state citizens. To learn more about DHH, visit <http://www.dhh.louisiana.gov>.

-end-

© 2006 Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals



The 6th Annual Ethel Precht HOPE BREAST CANCER 3K

Walk/Fun Run

"Tying Local Survivors Together"
The Only Breast Cancer Walk

Totally Devoted to Calcasieu & Cameron Residents

Children's
Activities
Face Painting
Caricatures

*Honor loved ones -
purchase space on
"Avenue of Pink
Ribbons"!*

*Enjoy
refreshments;
door prizes &
entertainment!*

WHEN: Saturday, October 17, 2009
WHERE: Lake Charles Civic Center
Outdoor Theater (Shell Beach route)
TIME: 7:30 a.m. - Registration Begins
8:30 a.m. - Ceremony/Walk Begins
COST: \$15 Donation per adult
\$10 Donation per student/child

*A Special
Thank You
to the
Academy Store
of Lake Charles
Jambalaya News
AND
To all the
local residents
who make this
event possible.*

Local Cheerleaders will present a rose to each survivor at the end of the walk. There will be a brief ceremony with special guest speakers and live vocal entertainment performed by Sabrah Kingham! All Monies Raised Stay Local.



GAP Broadcasting



FOX29



Senator Willie Mount will be our key guest speaker!!!

Register by Mail by sending the form below to:

Ethel Precht - HOPE Breast Cancer 3K
165 W. Precht Road
Bell City, LA 70630

Register Online at:

www.EthelBreastCancerWalk.org
Must use a credit card or have a PayPal account

Email Us At:

info@EthelBreastCancerWalk.org

Please feel free to call us at (337) 905-0327 with any questions!

Make check payable to: HOPE Breast Cancer 3K

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

T-SHIRTS: (Please circle only one)

SUPPORTER: S M L XL XXL XXXL SURVIVOR: S M L XL XXL XXXL