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East Baton Rouge Council on Aging Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response Plan

BATON ROUGE, Louisiana (03/13/2020) – In an abundance of caution and to ensure the health and safety of senior participants and staff, we will transition to limited operations because we realize that our services are critical to the well-being of our seniors.

Effective Monday, March 16th, until March 30th, there will be no activities or congregating at our eighteen senior centers; instead Senior Center Site Coordinators will develop a drive-thru system at each site allowing senior participants to pick up a plated to-go lunch. This drive-thru system will take place between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM. We will provide two weeks supply of meals for our Meals on Wheels participants. Delivery will be arranged and scheduled by their respective drivers.

Furthermore, we will be suspending our Homemaker and Respite Services. In addition, Dumas House, our residential senior living center, will no longer accept visitors in order to protect our residents. Our transportation department “Lotus Rides” will be unavailable for pick-up services during this period of limited operations. In addition, the “Lotus Pantry” will be closed until March 30th.

In efforts to minimize the transmission risk of COVID-19 we are taking all necessary precautions to protect the health of the seniors of this parish. Elderly service groups across the region have convened privately with discussions aimed at minimizing the risk of transmission of COVID-19 to the elderly population.

The East Baton Rouge Council on Aging is dedicated to ensuring the safety of all seniors across the parish during this pandemic. We strongly advise everyone to pay close attention to the advisory’s and warnings being given by national and local government officials. Additionally, please be reminded to follow the proper procedures to sanitize and disinfect shared surfaces. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has advised at-risk populations to avoid all mass gatherings.

“Protecting the seniors of the parish is our priority! Our response plan is focused on lowering the chance of transmission of COVID-19 among the most susceptible segment of the community while continuing to provide minimal services,” said Tasha Clark-Amar, Chief Executive Officer of EBRCOA.

For more information, call the Council on Aging at (225) 923-8000.

The East Baton Rouge Council on Aging (EBRCOA) is a non-profit organization serving the senior population of East Baton Rouge Parish. Annually, our agency delivers 1,105,820 meals through our “Meals on Wheels” Program and our senior centers and meal sites.

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East Baton Rouge Council On Aging: Supporting Independence ~ Serving Seniors

Since 1973, the East Baton Rouge Council on Aging (EBRCOA), a 501c3 nonprofit supported by philanthropic donations and public funds (federal, state, and local), has served the seniors of East Baton Rouge Parish through a spectrum of nutritional and social services such as the nationally recognized Meals on Wheels program and over a dozen community senior centers throughout the Parish. EBRCOA is charged with discovering and meeting the growing needs of this ever-increasing population. Central to EBRCOA's mission – Supporting Independence and Serving Seniors – is proving high-quality services to seniors, the maintenance of their personal independence, and the enhancement of their storied lives while being good fiduciary stewards of public funds and trust.

More information about EBRCOA and its services can be found online at www.ebrcoa.org.