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Changes to Operations Amid Phase One Reopening

BATON ROUGE, Louisiana (05/18/2020) – The East Baton Rouge Council on Aging (EBRCOA) is thrilled to announce the phase one reopening of our senior centers. Effective Wednesday, May 20th, 14 senior centers and feeding sites will reopen only for drive-thru meal pick up for congregate (hot) meal participants. Hot congregate meals will be available Monday thru Friday between 11am and 2pm. Seniors are directed to pick up meals from the center located closest to their homes.

Participating Senior Centers:

Antioch Senior Center
Florida Blvd. Senior Center
Charles R. Kelly Senior Center
Jewel J. Newman Senior Center
Chaneyville Senior Center
Baker Senior Center

Highland Rd. Senior Center
Leo S. Butler Senior Center
Central Senior Center
Dumas House
Perkins Rd. Senior Center

Participating Feeding Sites:

Turner Plaza
Sharlo Terrace

Catholic Presbyterian
Bishop Ott

Although the senior centers and feeding sites will open for drive-thru, other operations will remain paused until further notice such as visitation to Dumas House, Respite and Homemaker Services and the Lotus Transportation Department. These services will resume at a later time during another phase of reopening. Normal activities at the senior centers will not resume until phase three of the reopening plan. Until then, the agency will offer virtual activities that can be accessed through their social media platforms and their website. As EBRCOA resumes various services, seniors will be kept abreast of operation changes through our social media pages, the agency website and our voice calls and text software.

EBRCOA is still committed to protecting our staff and our senior clients. To protect against transmission of COVID-19, all staff members will be tested for the virus before being approved to return to normal operations. Daily health and well-being questionnaires will be required by all staff. Any employees exhibiting symptoms or who have potentially been exposed to COVID-19 will be required to self-quarantine for at least 14 days before returning to work. Furthermore, all employees will be equipped with cleaning and sanitizing kits for their offices and departments.

“We will resume services in a responsible manner in order to protect our valued staff and the most susceptible segment of the community – our seniors. We are excited to move into phase one and look forward to seeing our seniors. We’ve missed everyone!” said Tasha Clark-Amar, Chief Executive Order of EBRCOA.

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 continue to pay close attention to the advisories and

warnings being given by national and local governmental officials. Additionally, continue to follow the proper procedures of masking up, sanitize and disinfect shared surfaces, social distance as well as to continue wash your hands frequently.

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.