

LOUISIANA MONTHLY MORBIDITY

DISEASES REPORTED DURING MONTH OF **JANUARY, 1970** BY PARISH OF RESIDENCE

MARCH 15 - 22 NATIONAL POISON PREVENTION WEEK

Medical, public health, pharmaceutical and safety agencies together with civic and voluntary groups will participate in a nationwide effort to publicize this ninth annual observance. Poison control centers in Louisiana provide information on request to physicians throughout the state and are linked to the National Clearinghouse for Poison Control Centers. State centers are at:

SHREVEPORT
T.E. Schumpert Memorial Sanitarium
Telephone 422-0709

BOGALUSA
Washington-St. Tammany Charity Hospital
Telephone 735-1322

MONROE
St. Francis Hospital
Telephone 325-6454
(7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.)
Telephone 325-2611
(After 10 p.m.)

NEW ORLEANS
U.S. Public Health Service Hospital
Telephone 899-3409

Louisiana Department
Louisiana State Library
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH STATISTICS -

- LOUISIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

RELEASED February 6, 1970	ASEPTIC MENINGITIS	DIPHThERIA	ENCEPHALITIS	ENCEPHALITIS, POST INFECTIONOUS	INFECTIOUS AND SERUM HEPATITIS	MEASLES	MENINGOCOCCAL INFECTIONS	PERTUSSIS	POLIOMYELITIS, PARALYTIC	RABIES IN ANIMALS	RHEUMATIC FEVER	RUBELLA *	SHIGELLOSIS	TYPHOID FEVER	OTHER SALMONELLOSIS	TETANUS	TUBERCULOSIS, PULMONARY	GONORRHEA	SYPHILIS, PRIMARY AND SECONDARY
TOTAL TO DATE 1969	1	0	1	0	67	0	17	0	0	3	2	0	4	0	8	1	48	593	56
TOTAL TO DATE 1970	1	3	1	1	35	6	7	0	0	10	1	2	2	0	1	1	28	734	36
TOTAL THIS MONTH	1	3	1	1	35	6	7	0	0	10	1	2	2	0	1	1	28	734	36
ACADIA					1													5	
ALLEN																		1	
ASCENSION																			
ASSUMPTION																			
AVOYELLES																		1	
BEAUREGARD																			
BIENVILLE							1			2									
BOSSIER																		19	1
CADDO													2				2	72	10
CALCASIEU					3										1		2	47	1
CALDWELL																			
CAMERON																			
CATAHOULA																			
CLAIBORNE										4							1		1
CONCORDIA																			
DESOTO																		5	4
EAST BATON ROUGE					1													34	2
EAST CARROLL																			
EAST FELICIANA																		1	
EVANGELINE																		1	
FRANKLIN																		4	
GRANT																		2	1
IBERIA					1												1	6	
IBERVILLE					7							1						1	

*Includes Rubella, Congenital Syndrome

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JACKSON																				
JEFFERSON					3												1	60	2	
JEFFERSON DAVIS																		3		
LAFAYETTE	1	2															1	8		
LAFOURCHE					1													2		
LASALLE																				
LINCOLN																		8		
LIVINGSTON																		1		
MADISON																		3		
MOREHOUSE																				
NATCHITOCHE					2													5		
ORLEANS		1	1	1	10	2	1				1	1					16	294	12	
OUACHITA										1							1	39	1	
PLAQUEMINES																				
POINTE COUPEE																				
RAPIDES					2	1	1									1	1	18		
RED RIVER										3										
RICHLAND						3														
SABINE																	1	3		
ST. BERNARD					1		1													
ST. CHARLES																				
ST. HELENA																		1		
ST. JAMES																				
ST. JOHN																		2	1	
ST. LANDRY					1		2											13		
ST. MARTIN																		3		
ST. MARY					1													3		
ST. TAMMANY																		15		
TANGIPAOHA							1											1		
TENSAS																				
TERREBONNE					1													1		
UNION																				
VERMILION																		3		
VERNON																		19		
WASHINGTON																				
WEBSTER																		6		
WEST BATON ROUGE																		2		
WEST CARROLL																	1	6		
WEST FELICIANA																		15		
WINN																		1		
OUT OF STATE																				

From January 1 through January 31 of 1970, the following cases were also reported:
1 Brucellosis, 1 Leprosy, and 1 Trichinosis.

FROM U.S.P.H. HOSPITAL PHARMACY BULLETIN "DRUG THERAPY NOTES"

A 12 year old boy was treated in the Ophthalmology Clinic of the U.S. Public Health Hospital at New Orleans about 90 minutes after accidental entry into the left eye of the sap of the "elephant ear" plant (*Colocasia spp*) causing redness and itching. Slit lamp examination revealed rod-like crystals imbedded in the superficial corneal epithelium. The conjunctiva was injected and a mucoid discharge was present. Visual acuity, without correction was 20/25-1. The anterior chamber was clear. The Poison Control Center supplied the information that "elephant ears" contain water insoluble calcium oxalate in bundles of fine needle-like crystals packed in cells and surrounded by a mucilaginous liquid. Calcium oxalate can cause severe chemical burns of the skin, eye and mucous membranes. The patient was sent home with instructions to apply cool compresses and prednisolone-sulfacetamide-phenylephrine ointment (Vasocidin) four times a day. Two days later, crystals were still on the anterior corneal epithelium. Conjunctivitis was improved but still present. Compresses and Vasocidin were continued for one week, after which the patient was virtually asymptomatic, had no evidence of active inflammation and was without sequellae.

THE LOUISIANA POISON CONTROL AGENCY AT NEW ORLEANS

has received 5,420 poison calls involving 5,634 persons since it opened in October 1966. Over 60% involved children under 5 years of age. Accidental ingestion accounted for 4,257 or 78.54% of the calls, intentional ingestion 826 (15.24%); other than ingestions 337 or 6.22%. Male patients totalled 2,932 or 52.04%; females 2,405 (42.68%) and the sex of 297 or 5.28% was unknown.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF LOUISIANA POISON CONTROL CENTER AT NEW ORLEANS

October 1966 through January 1970

<u>AGES OF PATIENTS</u>			<u>PRODUCTS INVOLVED</u>		
Up to 1 Year	231	4.10 %	Medicines	2,079	37.54%
1 Year Olds	1,224	21.73	Household Products	938	16.93
2 Year Olds	1,134	20.13	Pesticides	695	12.55
3 Year Olds	534	9.48	Cosmetics	345	6.23
4 Year Olds	271	4.81	Petroleum Products	271	4.90
5 Year Olds			Paints and Solvents	270	4.88
and Over Incl.			Plants	276	4.98
Unknowns	2,240	39.75	Gases and Vapors	103	1.86
			Bites and Stings	134	2.42
			Miscellaneous	415	7.50
			Unknown	6	0.21