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NURSING HOME RESIDENTS RETURNING TO TERREBONNE PARISH

Terrebonne Parish President Gordon Dove understands the importance of getting our nursing home residents back to Terrebonne Parish to be with their family and friends. Mr. Dove's administration is in daily communications with the local hospitals regarding their progress to initiate inpatient care within our community.

As per the Louisiana Department of Health – Health Standards Section, which has established procedures for the repatriation of patients, residents and clients of nursing homes, the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness along with coordination with the Louisiana Department of Health will determine each nursing homes access to the community service infrastructure, including hospitals, transportation, physicians, professional services and necessary supplies.

After speaking to Ms. Phyllis Peoples, CEO of Terrebonne General Health Systems and Mr. Tim Allen, CEO of Oschner Chabert, they have advised that there are no inpatient services at either hospital in Terrebonne Parish at this time. With nursing homes being a medical institution, if a nursing home resident needs to leave the nursing home to get medical care at a hospital, it is most likely that the nursing home resident will need inpatient services. The next closest hospital is Thibodaux Regional Medical Center in Thibodaux, which is capable of inpatient beds, but they are covering for Lady of the Sea Hospital, Oschner St. Ann, Oschner Chabert and Terrebonne General Health Systems. Along with limited hospital healthcare, our parish is still dealing with COVID patients.

We, TPCG, Office of Homeland Security, and Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, are monitoring the healthcare situation for the nursing home residents. We will move the nursing home residents back to their respective homes as quickly as we can, but only when Louisiana Department of Health and Hospital, Terrebonne General Health Systems, and Oschner Chabert feel the well-being and healthcare for these residents can be done safely. We will initiate moving the residents back as quickly as humanly possible as soon as these vital services are restored to the extent that these nursing home patients can be cared for with all proper medical facilities in operation.

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