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## **CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK TO HOST APPRECIATION LUNCH FOR EAST JEFFERSON AND WEST JEFFERSON GENERAL HOSPITAL WORKERS**

**METAIRIE, LA** – Citizens National Bank will host two Hospital Heroes Appreciation luncheons this week as a show of gratitude to healthcare professionals who worked through extreme conditions to care for our community. The first lunch will be held at East Jefferson General Hospital beginning at 11 a.m. tomorrow, Wednesday, September 8.

Said Jim Hudson, President of Citizens National Bank’s New Orleans Region, “These healthcare heroes were already overwhelmed by a surge in Covid-19 cases when they had to endure the effects of a powerful hurricane. We are serving them lunch tomorrow and Thursday as a small gesture to show them that their community recognizes and appreciates their dedication and professionalism.”

Jason Smith, CNB President & CEO noted, “We are so grateful for all of our medical professionals. According to Governor John Bel Edwards, Louisiana hospitals were caring for 2,400 coronavirus patients when Hurricane Ida hit. Healthcare facilities like East Jefferson General Hospital and West Jefferson General Hospital were already stretched thin when medical professionals had to develop contingency plans to deal with power outages, water purification and damage caused by raging winds. That’s extraordinary, and we want to take a moment to let these medical professionals know that we are thankful for their undaunted commitment and determination to care for others.”

The first CNB hosted lunch will take place outside of the main entrance to East Jefferson General Hospital off West Esplanade Avenue from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Wednesday, September 8. The West Jefferson General Hospital lunch will be held from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Thursday, September 9 at the main campus at 1101 Medical Center Boulevard front entrance. Several Jefferson Parish elected officials are expected to join bank executives to express their appreciation.

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