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Epilepsy Alliance Louisiana Changes Seize the Day 5K to a VIRTUAL RACE

Baton Rouge, LA – Epilepsy Alliance Louisiana takes our responsibility to the epilepsy community in Louisiana seriously. Over the past few days, we have been monitoring the spread of COVID-19 in Louisiana and following the guidance of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) as well as our state and local officials. Today, LSU has informed us all events hosted on campus are canceled until May 31, 2020. We are grateful for LSU notifying us early about the cancellation and being a wonderful host for our race. In light of the LSU cancellation, the Governor declaring a state of emergency and the Mayor-President of East Baton Rouge canceling permitted public events, we have decided to move Seize the Day 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run on March 28, 2020, to a **Virtual Race**. This was not an easy decision for our Board as Seize the Day is our largest epilepsy advocacy event for the year. However, as an organization committed to health care for those in need, nothing is more important than the health and well-being of all people with epilepsy.

In honoring our commitment to the epilepsy community we will continue our event but through a virtual race, you can find more information at www.epilepsylouisiana.org/seizetheday. We will send out more details to our race participants today. Our Seize the Day team competitions are still happening and we encourage virtual fundraising in place of in-person fundraising efforts. We plan to schedule an advocacy event once it is advisable by officials to host public events. We appreciate your continued support. Thank you for your patience and commitment as we respond to this evolving situation together and we invite you to donate if you would like at www.epilepsylouisiana.org/donate.

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About Epilepsy Alliance Louisiana

Epilepsy Alliance Louisiana was founded in 1977 and serves as the only organization in the state dedicated to support people living with seizures and epilepsy. EAL is a proud member of the national organization, Epilepsy Alliance America.

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