

## Press Release

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### **Update – Health District to provide health and safety services**

**Galveston County and Cities** – In continuing efforts to address public health and medical care needs of Galveston County residents the Galveston County Health District provides the following update for services to be provided through Saturday September 27<sup>th</sup>.

Beginning Tuesday September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10 a.m., the Galveston County Health District will begin operating a phone bank where residents can call for answers to common health and safety questions. For questions that phone bank staff are unable to answer, callers will be directed to an appropriate Galveston County Health District employee for assistance. Once opened, the phone bank can be reached at (409) 938-7221.

A previously issued Public Health Advisory for those residents returning to Galveston can be found at <http://www.gchd.org/press/2008/Public-Health-Advisory-For-Galveston%20Island-0908.pdf>. The advisory contains many actions residents can take to remain safe and healthy.

**Primary Care in Galveston:** The Health District will operate a mobile primary care clinic in the parking lot of the Island Community Center, 4700 Broadway, Galveston, Tuesday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. This is being made possible by an agreement with AmeriCares an international relief organization that works to ensure that medicines, medical supplies and aid reaches individuals in need. Future updates on the mobile clinics operation will be provided as they become available.

**Texas City 4C's Clinic:** The Texas City clinic at 2000 Texas Avenue will operate Tuesday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2. p.m. During this time the clinic is operating primarily as a walk-in clinic.

**Animal Services:** The District's Joe Vickery Animal Shelter at 3412 Loop 197 N in Texas City is currently open daily from dusk to dawn. Many lost pets have been taken in at the shelter and anyone looking for their pet is encouraged to call the shelter. Their main phone number (409) 948-2485 is working intermittently. If residents are unable to reach staff at the main number call (409) 943-7929.

**Vaccinations:** During this time with many residents handling debris removal they are encouraged to make sure they are adequately vaccinated to prevent illness, particularly when it comes to tetanus. The district will be providing immunizations at three different locations this Tuesday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

- Island Community Center, 4700 Broadway, Galveston
- Texas City Immunization Clinic, 2000 Texas Avenue, Texas City
- Dickinson Immunization Clinic, 905 Pine Drive, Dickinson