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Health District Begins 3-Part Move to New Mid-County Annex

Galveston County and Cities – The week of February 6th the Galveston County Health District (GCHD) will begin a three phase move to Galveston County's new Mid-County Annex at 9300 Emmett F. Lowry Expressway in Texas City.

The first move of District administrative offices is planned for Thursday, February 9th and Friday, February 10th. A second phase planned for mid to late March will include the District's Galveston Area Ambulance Authority, Community Health Services and Environmental programs. A third phase anticipated to take place in April will include the Coastal Health & Wellness clinic in Texas City formerly known as the 4Cs clinic. All of these moves are tentative dependent on completion of construction at the Annex.

Dr. Mark Guidry, District CEO says, "We are grateful to the public and policy makers for a new facility that will allow us to consolidate 180 staff currently in four locations."

One notable change that comes with the move will be the District's new business center. The center will offer one-stop business services for paying permit fees, and will also centralize vital records. All birth and death records will now be issued from the Mid-County Annex for the entire county.

The Mid-County Annex is the result of a bond issued passed by county voters in 2008 that included a new Animal Resource Center and a consolidated facility for Health District services, including the Coastal Health and Wellness Clinic in Texas City.

Besides the Mid-County Annex, GCHD has additional staff and services at EMS stations, WIC and immunization clinics in Dickinson and Galveston; and the Coastal Health and Wellness clinic site in Galveston.

GCHD will maintain two customer contact centers once the Mid-County Annex move is completed. For Coastal Health and Wellness clinics, residents may call (409) 938-2234;

for all other public health services call (409) 938-7221. At all times the GCHD web site may also be accessed for information at www.gchd.org.

“During this time of transition, we ask the public for their patience and understanding as we make this big move. Ultimately our new facilities will help us provide more and better service to Galveston County residents,” Guidry said.

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