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Temporarily Reduced Staff at HCPHES Health Clinics

Harris County Public Health and Environmental Services (HCPHES) employees are actively providing continuous public health services to the evacuees from Hurricane Katrina at the Reliant Astrodome, Reliant Center and Reliant Arena. Dr. Herminia Palacio, HCPHES Executive Director and Dr. Umair Shah, HCPHES Deputy Director are providing coordination and guidance with the medical and public health operation.

Because of this, there will be a temporarily reduced staff at each of our five health clinics. In addition, it is anticipated there will be an increased number of individuals accessing the WIC program. Residents who utilize our public health services may experience a longer than normal “wait-time” while we respond to this relief effort.

HCPHES would like to thank Harris County residents in advance for their patience during this time.

Please visit HCPHES website at www.harriscountyhealth.com for updated information.

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