



Clayton County Board of Health

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Measure Necessary to Help Balance State's Budget

Board of Health Approves Staff Furlough

The Clayton County Board of Health (CCBOH) recently approved a measure to close its facilities the last Friday of each month starting in November. The furlough, which will impact 122 employees, is likely to last through the end of Fiscal Year (FY) 2009, which ends June 30, 2009.

"I feel that this is the most efficient and prudent manner to handle the budgetary crisis that the agency is facing right now," said Dr. Alpha Fowler Bryan, District Health Director. "This was not an easy decision to make. We definitely did not want to implement a reduction in force where employees would lose their jobs."

The CCBOH's Comprehensive Health Facility (1117 Battlecreek Road, Jonesboro) and the Adolescent Health Center (685 Forest Parkway, Forest Park) will be open Monday – Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. the last week of each month. In the event that a state holiday falls on the last Friday of a month, the CCBOH facilities will be closed the day prior to the holiday. **In November, the facilities will be closed Wednesday, November 26 through Friday, November 28 in observance of Thanksgiving. In December, the facilities will be closed Wednesday, December 24 through Friday, December 26 in observance of Christmas.**

In 2009, CCBOH facilities will be closed the following days:

**Friday, January 30
Friday, February 27
Friday, March 27**

**Friday, April 24
Friday, May 29
Friday, June 26**

"It's very important that our citizens receive the same level of customer service during the four-day work week as they expect and deserve during the five-day work week," said Eldrin Bell, Chairman of the Board of Health. "We are feeling the affects of the economy all across Clayton County. We just need to do what we have to do and make sure that the citizens of this county are taken care of."

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Governor Sonny Perdue asked all state agencies, including the CCBOH, to reduce their budgets by 3.5 percent. The CCBOH's staff furlough will save the agency \$15,599.11 per month and over \$196,000 by the end of FY 2009.

Board of Health members Corine Deyton, Luvenia Jackson, Lloyd Joiner, Dr. Hector Lopez, Pam Reynolds and Jim Wood attended the meeting.

The Board of Health consists of seven members selected from Clayton County entities for a four-year term. All members reside within the general Health District. Members of this board may have an interest or be knowledgeable in the field of health. At least one member shall be a physician licensed to practice medicine within the state.

The mission of the Clayton County Board of Health is to protect and promote the health of the people through high standards of quality community health by prevention, surveillance, assessment, treatment, and collaborative community partnerships.

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