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**Update: Harris County Public Health's Statement on  
ITC Chemical Plant Fire**

HOUSTON — As Harris County Public Health (HCPH) continues to work with its response partners to monitor events related to the ITC plant fire incident, our public health focus remains on the health and safety of the entire Harris County community.

We will continue to work with response partners until the health and safety of the entire community (as a result of the incident) is no longer a concern. Based on current health-related data from multiple sources, there continues to be an overall **low health risk** for the general public. Our partners continue to report steady progress in the response and recovery efforts with the chemical tanks at the ITC plant, the Houston Ship Channel and surrounding areas.

HCPH also continues to work with its healthcare partners and recommends that any individuals who have health concerns should contact their healthcare provider or if more serious, call 911. If you do not have a healthcare provider, you can find a local health center near you at <https://findahealthcenter.hrsa.gov/>, or you can call the Harris Health System's 'Ask My Nurse' helpline, open from 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., to help answer basic health questions. The number is 713-634-1110.

In a separate announcement to the community, HCPH will host a Mobile Health Village on Saturday, March 30, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Alvin D. Baggett Community Center, 1302 Keene Street, Galena Park, Texas 77547. The event is free and open to the public. For more updates on the Mobile Health Village, we ask the public to follow us on social media: Twitter: [@hcphtx](https://twitter.com/hcphtx) and Facebook: [Harris County Public Health](https://www.facebook.com/HarrisCountyPublicHealth)

HCPH reminds the public to continue to stay informed on the Deer Park incident. For updated guidance go to: [www.readyharris.org/deerparkfire](http://www.readyharris.org/deerparkfire) and [www.hcphtx.org](http://www.hcphtx.org). Residents can also stay up to date by following ReadyHarris on social media: Twitter [@ReadyHarris](https://twitter.com/ReadyHarris) and Facebook ReadyHarris.

To learn more, please visit: [www.hcphtx.org](http://www.hcphtx.org) and [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

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