

In an EMERGENCY session of the Brazoria County Drainage District # 5 on March 26, 2020, the District met to discuss the appropriate response by the District to the COVID-19 pandemic. On March 20, 2020 it was declared a disaster on the Federal, State and County levels, and which is a rapidly evolving situation requiring constant reevaluation of the appropriate actions to be taken by the District with regard to: the general public serviced by the District's infrastructure systems, developers regulated by District rules, and the health of District employees.

The District finds the following actions to be appropriate and prudent, and in keeping with current directives from the President of the United States, the White House Task Force, the National Center of Disease Control, the Governor of Texas and the Texas Department of State Health Services.

The District office will be closed to walk-in traffic. Packages, plans and plats will be placed in the bin outside the District's office door. Phones and emails will be attended, although operations staff will split work between the office and home to the largest degree possible, from March 30 to April 3, 2020.

The District will continue to support the construction projects (Alvin ISD, etc.) with inspections at this time.

District maintenance operations will close from March 30, 2020 to April 3, 2020.

On April 6, 2020 Operation and maintenance will return to work, with social distancing in place. Designed to limit exposure of staff to infected individuals and to surface contaminants.

Maintenance operations are directed to prioritize work as follows:

1. Keep District channels clear of debris which could cause an obstruction to the uninterrupted flow of water.
2. Keep tall vegetation cut back or mowed.

The District asks for patience from the general public, developers, vendors or any other interested party. The District is working to minimize staff interactions in order to provide ongoing services, because even one employee becoming ill for an extended period could severely impact the District's ability to provide services. District staff are prioritizing tasks to the best of their ability and will respond to all inquires as quickly as possible.

The District hereby provides the following contact information for use by the public:

In case of an emergency, questions regarding District regulations, or areas needing maintenance, please call (281) 369-0071 or email bcdrainagedistrict5@gmail.com.