



Houston Quarantine Station

Jurisdiction

The jurisdiction of the Houston Quarantine Station includes all ports in East Texas (Health Districts 4, 5, 6, and 7) and Louisiana.

Activities

- Respond to reports of illness or death on airplanes, cargo vessels, and other conveyances at international ports of entry within jurisdiction.
- Review medical records of migrants who will reside permanently in the United States and notify state and local health departments of specific medical conditions.
- Partner with other federal agencies, local and state health departments, private medical providers, and hospitals in preparedness activities related to quarantine and isolation at ports of entry.
- Monitor importations that may have pathogens infectious to humans.
- Partner with health departments on emergency response, migrant health partners, and other public health issues.
- Participate in teams and workgroups for CDC's Division of Global Migration and Quarantine, Quarantine and Border Health Services Branch.

CDC Houston Quarantine Station

(281) 230-3874 (24-hour access, including weekends and holidays)

Hours of Operation:

Monday–Friday: 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. CT

George Bush Intercontinental Airport

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Quarantine Station Staff

- **Officer in Charge:**
 - ◆ CAPT Jacquelyn Polder, RN, MPH
- **Quarantine Public Health Officer:**
 - ◆ Daniel Rodriguez, RN, MSN



Houston Quarantine Station staff (from left to right): Daniel Rodriguez and CAPT Jacquelyn Polder

Ports of Entry Statistics

Major International Airport

George Bush Intercontinental Airport

- 3 million international arriving passengers in 2006
- 952 international flights per week in 2006

Major International Seaports

Port of Houston

- The world's sixth largest seaport, Houston handles more foreign waterborne tonnage than any other U.S. port.
- 6,300 vessels and 150,000 barges per year
- 88 steamship lines offer services between Houston and 1,053 ports around the world

Port of Galveston

- 617,000 cruise ship passengers in 2006
- 255 cruises in 2006

Ports of Louisiana

- The combined ports of New Orleans, Baton Rouge, and South Louisiana handle 250 million tons of waterborne cargo per year
- Since fall of 2006, New Orleans is rapidly expanding cruise line activity to pre-Hurricane Katrina levels