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To: All Media
From: Joel Strasz, Public Health Officer
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Re: **Emergency Order – 2020-3 – GUIDANCE AND CONTINUED COVID-19 SYMPTOM MONITORING OF WORKERS IN BAY COUNTY**

BAY COUNTY, MICHIGAN – The Bay County Health Department has released Emergency Order 2020-3 continuing the requiring monitoring of symptoms for certain essential infrastructure workers in Bay County and providing guidance for quarantine after interstate travel to high risk areas within the United States due to significant outbreaks. The Emergency Order is attached.

The order rescinds the first two Emergency Orders that were issued. It also continues the requirement that the critical infrastructure workers to monitor for symptoms of COVID-19m and it also extends the requirements to employers in Bay County who provide services to the public within less than six feet of distance. These requirements mirror the directives as set forth by Governor Gretchen Whitmer in [Executive Order 2020-114](#), but also add the guidance for quarantine after interstate travel to high risk areas with significant outbreaks.

“I am proud of the work that Bay County has done in keeping the virus in check compared to other areas with high rates and fatalities. Most employers are doing a fantastic job monitoring their employee’s well-being and their efforts have helped our community successfully open our economy back up and stay safe,” said County Executive Jim Barcia. “However, given the recent outbreaks that are occurring in the south and western United States, and with related out-of-state coronavirus activity here in Bay County it is vitally important that we continue our efforts to control the spread of the virus and keep our community on the path of recovery.”

In order to reduce the spread of COVID-19, please follow these recommendations from the Center of Disease Control:

- Practice effective social distancing (six feet or more) as much as possible and avoid close contact with others.
- Wear a cloth face covering that covers your nose and mouth in public settings.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use an alcoholbased hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care.

For the latest and most accurate information regarding the COVID-19 please go to the Bay County Health Department website at <https://www.baycounty-mi.gov/Health/COVID19/>