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To: All Media
From: Jim Barcia, Bay County Executive
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Re: **ReopenBayCounty Website Launched for the Business Community**

Bay County is proud to have partnered with Ryan Tarrant from the Bay County Chamber of Commerce and Trevor Keyes from Bay Future, Inc. to launch ReopenBayCounty - a website geared directly to the business community full of resources for businesses to reopen and re-engage with the public.

“The information found on ReopenBayCounty will give businesses the tools to protect their staff and their customers as they reopen during this very difficult time. It is intended to assist the business leaders as they make important decisions regarding their business”, said County Executive Jim Barcia. “We find it imperative that our businesses here in Bay County have the best information available in an easy to navigate forum.” You can find this website at www.reopenbaycounty.com.

The ReopenBayCounty website has 4 main components;

1. A welcome page with a letter to the Business Community from Bay County Executive Jim Barcia.
2. Health Resources and Safety Guidelines – this includes a checklist to provide guidance for reopening, preparedness and response plan templates to be edited by the specific business, and a plethora of links broken down by general information as well as industry specific information.
3. Personal Protection Equipment – Links to information on sources of PPE including local Michigan suppliers.
4. Support and Events – Events put on by the Bay Area Chamber or other entities via electronic means.

Due to the fluidity of this pandemic and as we receive more information and further guidance from the State and Federal governments, we expect that guidelines and best practices may adjust to changing circumstances. Therefore, it is encouraged that business leaders visit ReopenBayCounty often for continually updated information.

For the latest and most accurate information regarding the COVID-19 please go to the Bay County Health Department website at www.baycounty-mi.gov/Health and the Center for Disease Control website at www.cdc.gov.