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**TO:** Public News Media Sources

**FROM:** Joel R. Strasz

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**RE:** Bay County Health Department Clinic Operations

In an effort to make sure staff is available to respond appropriately to the coronavirus, prevent its spread and ensure the health and safety of our clients, all clinics and programs in the Bay County Health Department will be significantly reduced, as of **Monday, March 16, 2020.** Health Department staff will be in the office to answer phone calls, reschedule appointments and assist clients as best we can. Please see program information below for more specific information

# Women, Infant, and Children (WIC)

No appointments. If you have questions or concerns about your WIC benefits please contact the WIC office at (989) 895-4002.

## **Maternal Infant Health Program (MIHP)**

All home and office visits have been suspended. MIHP staff is available to assist clients by phone. Please call (989) 895-4004

## **Personal Health and Family Planning Services**

Office appointments have been suspended. Staff is available to answer questions and assist clients by phone. Only essential services will be provided for current clients, by appointment only, for Birth Control Pills and the Depo-Provera Injection. Please call (989) 895-4015

### Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS)

All home and office visits have been suspended. Staff will continue to provide all other program services including Care Coordination and Plan of Care by phone. IF you have any questions or need assistance please call (989) 895-4235.

#### **Immunizations**

All immunization appointments have been cancelled. If you are concerned about your child's immunizations please call (989) 895-4009.

#### **Bay Community Health Clinic**

Office appointments have been cancelled. Clinical staff is available to provide client services by phone. If you have any questions or concerns, please call (989) 895-2035.