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TO: Community, School, Healthcare and Governmental Leaders of VBCDHD Region
FROM: Van Buren/Cass District Health Department
DATE: March 20, 2020

Van Buren/Cass District Health Department Available for Emergency Dental Care

VBCDHD public health services remain open amid COVID-19 response

To protect the public’s health and reduce the spread of COVID-19, Van/Buren Cass District Health Department has made temporary adjustments to public health services offered in Van Buren and Cass County.

Important updates to note:

- **ALL individuals visiting the Van Buren/Cass District Health Department will receive a health risk assessment (questionnaire) and temperature check prior to entering the building.**
- **All Community Dental Clinics are closed for preventive and restorative care appointments and will tentatively reopen on Monday, April 6, 2020.**
- **Emergency Dental Care is available at all three locations** [57418 CR 681, Hartford / 302 S. Front St., Dowagiac / 23200 Red Arrow Hwy.]. Individuals in need of care should call 800-210-1921 to schedule an appointment as hours may vary.
- **All other public health services (immunizations; STD testing/treatment; CSHCS; TB contact investigations; water & septic inspections; and food permits) are operating as usual. Please visit [www.vbcassdhd.org](http://www.vbcassdhd.org) for information about how to access local public health services.**

For general questions regarding COVID-19, individuals are encouraged to visit [www.vbcassdhd.org/covid-19](http://www.vbcassdhd.org/covid-19) or call the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS) COVID-19 Hotline at 888-535-6136, open 7 days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

As you know, the COVID-19 outbreak is a fluid, rapidly evolving situation and we are regularly receiving ongoing guidance and information from MDHHS and the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC). We are committed to responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and providing our community, school, healthcare and governmental leaders with updated information so informed decisions can be made.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Elliott,
Health Officer/Administrator
RESOURCES AND CONTACT INFORMATION:

Van Buren Cass District Health Department phone (269) 621-3143; or visit our website: https://vbcassdhd.org

After Hours Contact for Public Health Emergency in Van Buren and Cass County:

- Van Buren County: Contact Van Buren County Sheriff Dispatch at 269-657-3101.
- Cass County: Contact Cass County Sheriff Dispatch at 269-445-1560


Centers For Disease Control (CDC) Coronavirus, www.cdc.gov/coronavirus