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Allegan County:

As you are aware, the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) in the United States is a rapidly evolving situation. The management team of Allegan County Community Mental Health (ACCMHS) has been staying on top of the information and recommendations as they are released by the CDC, State of Michigan, Allegan County Health Department and local health systems to use in planning our response to this community issue. Our focus at ACCMHS is to keep employees and the people we serve safe and to do our part to slow the spread of COVID-19 in the community.

As of Monday, March 16, ACCMHS is adopting additional strategies to help mitigate the spread of the coronavirus. Though we will be continuously evaluating the situation and adjusting as needed, we anticipate these measures will remain in place through Friday, April 3rd at a minimum, consistent with the Governor's school closure announcement.

ACCMHS will continue to operate and meet the needs of our community. Our offices will remain open and routine care provided through ACCMHS will continue as well, although we will be adjusting some of our delivery methods:

1. reducing the number of staff physically working at ACCMHS locations and significantly increasing staff working from home
2. deploying telehealth methods when possible to reduce face to face contact with clients
3. performing check-ins via phone rather than home visits when possible

We recommend to the community to rely on guidance being issued by the CDC, MDHHS, LARA and the Allegan County Health Department to inform their COVID-19 questions or planning.

We will continue to plan and monitor the situation to best serve our community. We will post any additional updates as warranted.

Thank you,

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