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Residents of Allegan County:

On Friday 3/13/2020, Allegan County CMH posted a notice regarding the planned response of Allegan CMH to the risks for the community spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) in the our county. As we stated in that letter, our focus 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. That goal remains, although several things have changed after Governor Whitmer issued a series of Executive Orders applicable to our agency.

We initiated a number of strategies on Monday 3/16/20 to help mitigate the spread of the coronavirus, including:

- reducing the number of staff working at ACCMHS office sites
- increasing the number staff working from home
- deploying telehealth methods when possible to reduce face-to-face contact
- conducting meetings and check-ins via phone rather than in person visits

These strategies continue and have been reinforced and extended to as many staff and departments as possible.

**The buildings from which Allegan County CMH Services operates are closed to the public, but services we provide are deemed essential and continue to be provided whenever possible. All services continue that can be delivered in a manner consistent with CDC guidelines, MDHHS policy, and Allegan County Health Department advisories.**

We anticipated that these would remain in place until Friday 4/3/2020. However, because of the Governor's Executive Order 2020-21, we will extend the closure of our buildings through 4/13/2020 and reopen on 4/14/2020 unless the Governor shortens or extends this order.

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

Sincerely,

Mark A. Witte, MSW, LMSW  
Executive Director