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Kalamazoo County Health Officer Issues Recommendation of Workplace Health Screenings to Protect the Health of Essential Service Workers

Kalamazoo, MI – The Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department (HCS) is issuing a recommendation for all essential service providers and businesses in Kalamazoo County to conduct a brief health screening of workers and implement a social distancing plan to protect everyone's health to the greatest degree possible.

Only those operations deemed critical under the Governor's "Stay Home, Stay Safe" Executive Order may remain open in Kalamazoo County.

"Our intention with issuing this recommendation is to further protect the health and safety of our essential service workers, their family members and the entire community," said Jim Rutherford, Health Officer of Kalamazoo County.

Under this recommendation, essential services and businesses should take the following actions:

- Screen all employees upon entry into the facilities or building by checking for fever or other symptoms
- Maintain six feet of distance between people whenever possible

If businesses with essential service workers would like a Workplace Health Screening tool, contact the Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department at pio@kalcounty.com.

Information about the COVID-19 is rapidly changing. For general questions about COVID-19, call the state hotline at 1-888-535-6136. The state hotline is open seven days a week from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. People may also call the Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department COVID-19 Call Center at 269-373-5200 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, visit www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html, www.michigan.gov/coronavirus, and www.kalcounty.com/hcs/covid19.php.

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