



MEDIA CONTACT:
Erin Luckhardt, PIO
O: 231-347-5628
e.luckhardt@nwhealth.org
www.nwhealth.org

April 5, 2020

Health Department of Northwest Michigan Declares Emergency Order

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is declaring Emergency Order 2020-1 requiring screening and social distancing measures at open businesses and operations subject to the Governor's Executive Order 2020-21. The emergency order goes into effect on Monday, April 6 at 12:00pm (noon).

Health Officer, Lisa Peacock shared "given that COVID-19 presents a serious threat to public health, our local health departments have been working to ensure the health and safety of critical infrastructure workers. As the threat of COVID-19 increases, I now feel it necessary to take additional steps to protect critical infrastructure workers and the general public."

Additional resources to assist businesses in implementing these protective measures can be found here on the [Health Department Website, Coronavirus Page](#) or on the [Center for Disease Control and Prevention's Guidelines and Resources for Businesses](#). For questions on the emergency order, please utilize the Public Health Information Line at 1-800-386-5959.

The Health Department of Northwest Michigan is mandated by the Michigan Public Health Code to promote wellness, prevent disease, provide quality healthcare, address health problems of vulnerable populations, and protect the environment for the residents and visitors of Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties. For more information, visit nwhealth.org.

###