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- As reported in prior months, enforcement of the Emergency Orders and rules continues to dominate discussion. Jurisdictions are reporting a lack of support from local resources (law enforcement, Prosecutors, Boards) to successfully enforce the rules. LHDs are also reporting increased defiance of restrictions from food service establishments and business during the 3-week shut down period and are expecting it get worse with the extension of the restrictions to 12-20. Relationships between LHDs and operators are suffering.
- MDARD worked with the Attorney General's Office to share a template with the LHD's for Cease and Desist Orders to contain specific language so that State agencies can assist with enforcement once all local resources have been exhausted. The order must contain language of an imminent health hazard.
- MDHHS presented that they are hopeful they have a solution to expedite payments to LHDs for foster care inspections conducted by the LHDs. There has been a history of payments taking a long time to be received.
- EGLE presented their Michigan Environmental Health and Drinking Water System (MiEHDWIS). This enhancement will hopefully assist with many helpful features to allow not only EGLE to access data and run reports but also allow the same for LHDs and also the ability potentially for local electronic systems to interface with the EGLE.
- MPHI will continue to be on pause for State Accreditation. This pause includes:
 - On-Site Reviews are paused and will be rescheduled at a later date in cooperation with local health departments and programs within Accreditation at the state;
 - An extension to the Corrective Plan of Action (CPA) process for those health departments who are still in the process of implementing CPAs in response to their On-Site Review;
 - Suspension of Minimum Program Requirements (MPRs) during the COVID-19 response; and
 - Suspension of the Standards Review Committee process.

Respectfully Submitted,
Andrew Cox
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