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**Boone County
Health Department**

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NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Boone County Health Department Continues to Limit In-Person Services to the Public in Response to COVID-19

BOONE COUNTY— Boone County Health Department is providing emergency response and community guidance during the COVID-19 event. The building located at 1204 Logan Ave. in Belvidere, IL 61008, will continue to be closed to the public at this time.

“COVID-19 continues to spread in our community and we anticipate increased circulation in the community in the coming weeks” says Amanda Mehl, Public Health Administrator. “There is no vaccine to prevent or medicine to treat COVID-19”. BCHD recommends that the best way the public can protect themselves, their family, and their community is by preventing exposure and that includes limiting in person interactions, including in offices and workplaces. Health Department staff and the public can be best protected at this time by keeping all services and activities at a distance or virtual.

Services during this time will be limited according to our Continuity of Operations Plan to allow staff to respond to this emergency event while assuring public health and safety measures continue.

For information on each service please follow the guidance below.

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COVID-19 Response

WIC-Women, Infant and Children:

- All appointments will be by telephone, this includes all required education and certifications. Clients will still need to bring all required paperwork.
- We will give you a specified time to pick up vouchers. Food vouchers will be issued by curbside pickup in the parking lot, please call 815-544-9730 when you arrive. If you need a package change, please notify us at the start of your call.
- To sign up as a new WIC client, call 815-544-9730.
- Your Breastfeeding Peer Counselor will be available by the telephone number provided to you. For all other WIC services and questions please call 815-544-9730.

Clinical Services

- Infant and child immunizations will be suspended.
- Adult immunizations will only be given on a case by case basis.
- STI Clinic services will be suspended. Call your medical provider for guidance.
- TB skin tests will not be administered at this time.
- Other limited services will be arranged by clinic staff. Clients will be contacted by phone.

Lead Program

- All environmental and clinical lead hazard services will be suspended until further notice.

Environmental Health

- All applications can be submitted to our email address info@boonehealth.org or by fax at 815-544-2050.
- All other services will be administered on a case by case basis.
- Please call 815-544-2951 ext. 2 for more information.

Community Meetings and Events

- All meetings and events scheduled at the Boone County Health Department are cancelled until further notice.
- Contact the organizer of the event or meeting for more information.

We appreciate your patience and understanding during this stressful time as we work diligently to slow the community spread of COVID-19.

For more information on COVID-19 and other public health updates, visit the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH website <http://www.idph.state.il.us/>)

About The Boone County Health Department

The Boone County Health Department is a local health department committed to serving the health needs of its almost 54,000 residents. Established in 1966, we promote and protect the health of the people and the communities in Boone County, right here, where they live, work, learn and play.