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Boone County Health Department Plans Phased Reopening to Public

BOONE COUNTY— The Boone County Health Department (BCHD), located at 1204 Logan Ave. in Belvidere, IL 61008, will begin a phased re-opening starting Tuesday, June 2, 2020.

Services during this time will still be limited to allow staff to respond to COVID-19 while assuring public health and safety measures continue. The following guidelines must be followed:

- Individuals must make an appointment prior to visiting the office.
- All individuals are required to wear a mask or face covering.
- Individuals are required to maintain at least six-foot social distancing.

Below is more specific information on each of our services.

**WIC-Women, Infant and Children:**

- All appointments will continue to 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.

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- 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
- All immunizations will be by appointment only. Call 815-544-9730.
- STI Clinic services will continue to be suspended. Call your medical provider for guidance.
- TB skin tests will not be administered at this time.

Lead Program
- All in-home lead inspections will be suspended until further notice.
- Lead mitigation applications will be accepted at this time.

Environmental Health
- All applications can be submitted to our email address info@boonehealth.org or by fax at 815-544-2050.
- Routine inspections will resume, this includes restaurants, wells, septic and real-estate.
- Please call 815-544-2951 ext. 2 for more information.

Community Meetings and Events
- Contact the organizer of any event or meeting scheduled at the Boone County Health Department for information.

We appreciate your patience and understanding during this stressful time as we work diligently to move into Phase 3 of Restore Illinois in a safe and careful manner that will help minimize community spread of COVID-19.

For more information on COVID-19 Resources visit the Forward Boone County website at https://sites.google.com/view/forwardboonecounty.

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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.