

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY: Your County Personnel and Human Services Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Lakeland Hospitals of Niles and St. Joseph, Inc. (Lakeland), is establishing a temporary/pop-up COVID-19 Testing and Engagement Center to support increased health and access to care for residents of the City of Benton Harbor and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, the Berrien County Health Department (BCHD) seeks Board approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Lakeland for the support of this COVID-19 engagement center in Benton Harbor; and

WHEREAS, the BCHD will cooperate in planning and support for the engagement center, specifically providing support for on-site flu vaccinations, and mental health support services through the Community Resiliency Model, and communication and outreach support to residents; and

WHEREAS, there is no funding impact through this MOU and services provided by BCHD are part of essential public health services and operations; and

WHEREAS, this MOU provides additional connection locations and means to community residents and supports communicable disease prevention for vulnerable Berrien County residents; and

WHEREAS, this MOU is for the period of October 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Health endorses this MOU pending approval of Berrien County Corporate Counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HERBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners approves this MOU with Lakeland and authorizes the Chairperson of the Board to sign the MOU on its behalf.

Resolution endorsed by the
BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH



Margaret Kohnring, Chair

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
BERRIEN COUNTY PERSONNEL AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**


William J. Chickering, Chairperson


Teri Sue Freehling


David Vollrath, Vice-Chairperson

RESOLUTION APPROVED AS TO FORM	
Administrative	Date 11-9-20
Corrections Attached	
Corporate Counsel	Date 11-10-20
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