



BERRIEN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION
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WHEREAS, across the United States of America, communities continue to be faced with dealing with the Coronavirus disease COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Berrien County has seen drastic increases in the number of those infected, has experienced increased numbers in hospitalizations, as well as the number of deaths from COVID-19 patients; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer issued Executive Order 2020-21 which ordered residents to remain at home or in their place of residence to the maximum extent feasible through April 13, 2020 and included limitations on workplaces across the state; and

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2020, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services issued a new emergency order that enacted a three-week pause in an effort to curb rapidly rising COVID-19 infection rates; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that business, operations, and government agencies that continue in-person work must adhere to sound social distancing practices and measures, including, developing a COVID-19 preparedness and response plan, consistent with recommendations in the “Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19,” as developed by the Occupational Health and Safety Administration; and

WHEREAS, the County Administrator is designated as Berrien County’s COVID-19 Coordinator, and in that position has developed such a plan with input provided by necessary departments to include but not limited to the Emergency Operations Center and the Health Department; and

WHEREAS, the plan has been updated to reflect the current state of operations for Berrien County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners approves the amended COVID-19 Response Plan, recognizing that as COVID-19 continues to impact our operations, the plan may need to be amended to reflect that impact and to incorporate additional phases, and authorizes the County Administrator, as the COVID-19 Coordinator, to execute related documents in relationship to the plan.

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