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## BLDHD Resuming Environmental Health Services

Since March 23, 2020, Benzie-Leelanau District Health Department Environmental Health Land Use services were restricted to those that were necessary to sustain or protect life or that were determined to constitute an imminent threat to public health. The issuance of Executive Order 2020-70 allows the broad reactivation of construction activity in Michigan after May 7, 2020.

### Effective May 7, 2020

The following residential and commercial Environmental Health Land Use services will resume:

#### **On-Site Sewage Permitting Services**

Residential Construction Permits  
Non-Residential Construction Permits  
Septic Tank Only Permits  
Septic System Installation Final Inspections

#### **Water Supply Permitting Services**

Residential and Irrigation Well Permits  
Type II and III Commercial Well Permits  
Water Well Installation Final Inspections\*

#### **Existing System Evaluations**

Residential/Commercial Existing System Evaluations\*  
MDARD Review (Water and Wastewater) \*

*\* Service will not include water sampling or evaluation of interior water supply components or infrastructure unless the building is vacant.*

#### **Site Evaluations**

Vacant Land/Site Survey (aka Perk Test) Evaluations

### **Applications**

BLDHD Environmental Health (EH) offices will be **OPEN** to the public but with social distancing restrictions in place (see attached).

Environmental Health applications can be downloaded from our website at [www.bldhd.org/environmental-health](http://www.bldhd.org/environmental-health). Completed applications can be emailed or faxed to the branch office. We accept credit card payment by phone and we also accept mailed applications with a check. The contact information for each branch office is listed at the top of this page.

### **Environmental Health Services and Safety Protocols**

Due to the ongoing risks presented by potential COVID-19 transmission to our staff and to the community, in-office meetings are not permitted at this time. Environmental health field activities will also be conducted without an on-site meeting to avoid unnecessary personal contacts, to the extent possible. The following is true for all Environmental Health field activities:

**ANY violation of the agreed upon conditions of site inspections or any condition that compromises the safety of our staff, may result in our staff leaving the site and rescheduling the service when suitable arrangements have been made for their safety. This may result in possible reinspection fee charges.**