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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

To: All Media  
From: Joel Strasz, Public Health Officer  
Date: March 16, 2020  
Re: **Coronavirus Update - Press Conference to Follow 4:00 PM Board of Commissioners Meeting Today**

Bay County, Michigan - A press conference will be held **today, March 17, 2020**, directly following the 4:00 PM Personnel/Human Services Board meeting and subsequent Board of Commissioners Special Board Meeting. The Press Conference will begin directly following these meetings at the Bay County Community Center, 800 John F. Kennedy Drive, Bay City, Michigan 48706. Updates and information on the current state of the coronavirus in Bay County will be provided by Public Health Officer Joel Strasz, County Executive Jim Barcia and Board Chairman Michael Duranczyk.

County Executive Jim Barcia will announce his declaration of a Local State of Emergency for Bay County.

In order to reduce the spread of COVID-19, please follow these recommendations from the Center of Disease Control:

1. Wash your hands often with soap and water or use hand sanitizer.
2. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
3. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing.
4. Avoid handshakes.
5. Avoid contact with people who are sick.
6. Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.
7. IF YOU ARE SICK, STAY HOME.

For the latest and most accurate information regarding the COVID-19 please go to the Bay County Health Department website at [www.baycounty-mi.gov/Health](http://www.baycounty-mi.gov/Health) and the Center for Disease Control website at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).