

## DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT #10 WARNS OF SCAMS RELATING TO COVID-19

March 18, 2020 – District Health Department #10 (DHD#10) is urging residents to be aware of scams related to the COVID-19 pandemic happening throughout the country. Scammers are attempting to sell fake products and are calling individuals posing as health officials and providing false information on testing and treatments.

DHD#10 received reports of a woman calling individuals and identifying herself as a nurse. She claims that the individual has a positive COVID-19 test and is asking for credit card information so that an antibiotic can be sent for treatment.

“It is important for the public to know that DHD#10 would never ask for a credit card or financial information like this, especially with regard to COVID-19,” stated Jeannine Taylor, Public Information Officer for DHD#10. “The scary thing is, some of these scammers actually have personal information about the person they are calling so it makes them more believable. We urge everyone to be very cautious when they answer calls, emails, and social media messages. As a general rule, do not give out personal information unless you know who you are talking to is who they claim to be.”

If an individual believes they are the target of a scam, they may file a scam complaint with the Attorney General’s office. The [Attorney General’s Consumer Protection webpage](#) is available as a resource as well as the Attorney General’s Consumer Protection Team at 877-765-8388.

As of Wednesday afternoon, DHD#10 has not received word of any confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the jurisdiction. However, with increased testing and cases reported in neighboring areas, it is expected that community transmission of the virus will occur.

DHD#10 staff are working constantly to monitor this evolving situation and will continue to provide new information to the community as things change. More information can be found at [www.dhd10.org](http://www.dhd10.org), [www.michigan.gov/coronavirus](http://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus), or [www.cdc.com/coronavirus](http://www.cdc.com/coronavirus)

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