

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

March 31, 2020 – District Health Department #10 (DHD#10) is urging residents to again be wary of scams related to the COVID-19 pandemic happening throughout the country.

Earlier this month, DHD#10 reported scammers attempting to sell fake products and calling individuals posing as health officials and providing false information on testing and treatments.

Scammers are now claiming to be from local health departments and offering medication and at home COVID-19 tests, meanwhile asking for Medicaid and Medicare numbers to bill.

"Please, please, please, verify that the person you are talking to is who they say they are before giving out any kind of personal information over the phone," said Jeannine Taylor, Public Health Information Officer for DHD#10. "Continue to be cautious when answering calls, texts, emails and social media messages."

If an individual believes they are the target of a scam, they may file a scam complaint with the Attorney General's office. The <u>Attorney General's Consumer Protection</u> webpage is available as a resource as well as the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Team at 877-765-8388.

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 <a href="www.dhd10.org">www.dhd10.org</a>, <a href="www.michigan.gov/coronavirus">www.michigan.gov/coronavirus</a>, or <a href="www.cdc.com/coronavirus">www.cdc.com/coronavirus</a>

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