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Meridian Township Offices Prepare to Reopen to the Public June 8th
Modified Operations and Increased Safety Procedures Implemented

Meridian Township, MI – Meridian Township officials have announced Township offices will reopen to the public on Monday, June 8th, in response to Governor Gretchen Whitmer easing restrictions surrounding COVID-19. Residents will see multiple customer service options and increased safety procedures throughout the Township buildings to protect visitors and staff while reducing the spread of COVID-19.

At the June 2nd Township Board meeting, the Board approved the Township's COVID-19 Workplace Preparedness Plan in compliance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and Ingham County Health Department (ICHD) guidelines.

During the reopening transition, Township operating hours will be reduced to 9:00 am - 4:00 pm until further notice. Visitors must wear a mask to enter any Township building. Members of the public are to stop at the Security Desk upon entering the Township Municipal Building, or other Township buildings, to control group numbers in certain areas in order to support social distancing requirements. As an additional safeguard to limit inside traffic and in-person interactions, Portable Outdoor Service Centers have been set up for Township services such as bill payments, permits and election information.

Safety Procedures Implemented:

- Increased facility cleaning and disinfecting measures are in place.
- Protective physical barriers have been installed. Floor markings for social distancing are in place.
- Visitors and employees are encouraged to wash their hands frequently. Visual reminders and hand sanitizer stations are present throughout the buildings.
- Visitors and employees are required to wear masks.

Customer Service Options:

- **Option 1: Digital & Non-Contact Service Options**
 - Utilize digital methods including the Township website, email and social media platforms or call Township departments and staff. A staff directory can be found on the Township website.
 - Drop off payments, paper correspondence and absentee ballot applications in the 24-Hour White Dropbox located outside the Municipal Building.
- **Option 2: Portable Outdoor Service Centers**
 - Visit one of the Portable Outdoor Service Centers located in front of the Municipal Building for in-person transactions including utility payments and fees, taxes, special assessments and building permits.
 - Enter the Municipal Building Town Hall Room for in-person access to Election information for the upcoming August Primary Election.
- **Option 3: Limited Access to Township Buildings**
 - All non-essential visitors are restricted until further notice. Only employees and public members conducting Township-related business are allowed in Township buildings.

More information about the Township's reopening plan including additional safety measures for employees and visitors, can be found on the Township website at www.meridian.mi.us/TownshipReopeningPlan.

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The community of Meridian Township is in close proximity to the Michigan State Capitol and Michigan State University. The Township serves the community through exceptional services, beneficial amenities and an outstanding quality of life. It is a welcoming community that celebrates quality education, recreation and lifestyles.