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TO: MDHHS Staff and Vendors
FROM: Carin Speidel, Manager, Healthy Homes Section (HHS)
SUBJECT: HHS Operations During Executive Order 2020-96

Governor Whitmer's Stay Home, Stay Safe Executive Order 2020-21 defined "critical infrastructure workers" as those workers who are necessary to sustain or protect life and as such, workers who protect life were directed to continue critical operations. The work done by the MDHHS HHS and its network of partners and vendors protects life from environmental hazards, such as lead. During the series of Stay Home, Stay Safe Executive Orders, HHS paused all but imminent environmental hazard response to allow for the development of COVID-19 compliant protocols for services. In this time, HHS has been working diligently to develop these protocols for continuation of critical services.

In response to Governor Whitmer's most recent Executive Order 2020-96 allowing resumption of additional essential activities under shelter-in-place order to reduce spread of COVID-19, HHS is pleased to release COVID-compliant protocols for MDHHS funded activities. In addition, HHS field staff have received COVID training to ensure highest level protection for those served.

As such, the following HHS operations shall resume following Executive Order 2020-96 and HHS developed protocols:

- Lead abatement (construction), oversight and family coordination services
- Environmental Lead Investigations
- Lead Training and Certification Exams

All involved parties including the property owner, occupant, partner agency and vendor must agree to proceed. Should an involved party elect not to proceed, this party shall not be penalized in anyway.

Prior to contractors beginning lead abatement work or lead trainers resuming courses, each firm must develop and submit a COVID-19 Action Plan, complying with the most recent and relevant Executive Order.

While performing these critical field functions, staff and vendors shall utilize the *Guidance for Michigan Department of Health & Human Services Agency Staff and Contracted Child Welfare Providers* document, the *COVID-19 Supplemental Guidance for MDHHS Vendors* and additional protocols as provided by HHS.

Additional questions on HHS operations can be directed to (517) 335-9390 or hhsinfo@michigan.gov. Executive Order 2020-96 can be found at: https://www.michigan.gov/whitmer/0,9309,7-387-90499_90705-529860--,00.html