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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

From: Tony Mancuso, Administrator  
Subject: COVID-19 Precautions – Limited Service Schedule

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In a concentrated effort to continue essential services to the public by the Health Department the following adjustments are being implemented to protect our staff and the public, and ensure the continued functioning of our office. As recommended, we are conducting county business by appointment, email, US mail and phone.

Essential services are limited to: Emergency issuance of birth and death certificates the processing of water test samples and the issuance of well & septic permits.

1. Both locations of the Health Department will continue to provide certified birth and death certificates. We ask the public to first consider requesting their document needs via mail request. Once the request is received by our staff the request is processed within 24 hours. Online birth and death certificate orders may also be secured by visiting the VitalChek web site at [www.vitalchek.com](http://www.vitalchek.com) Please note, the spelling is “chek” not check.
2. Our water lab will remain open limiting acceptance of test samples to Mondays and Tuesdays.
3. Extended surveillance of dine-in restaurant and bar establishment closure compliance.
4. Throughout this time period, the Health Department’s office staff will be in the office during regular working hours. Precautionary measures for entry into the Health Department are in place. Please contact a Health Department representative to make necessary arrangements for entry to the office to fulfill your essential service needs.
5. We ask that you please utilize the government web site [www.laportecounty.in.gov](http://www.laportecounty.in.gov) for continued information and updates.

### Mission Statement:

*“To engage and partner in a collaborative and responsive effort with the community and local organizations with respect to the diversity of the community to better serve present and future generations.”*