Central Michigan District Health Department

Promoting Healthy Families, Healthy Communities

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PRESS RELEASE FOR LOCAL MEDIA

To: Local News Media serving Clare County

From: Central Michigan District Health Department

RE: Water Filter Replacement Cartridges for Eligible City of Clare residents

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City of Clare Water Filter Distribution for Eligible Residents

(City of Clare) In September/October 2019, Central Michigan District Health Department (CMDHD) and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) distributed water filters to over 200 City of Clare residents. In addition, the City of Clare provided water filters to residents who were not eligible through the local and state health department criteria.

Central Michigan District Health Department is offering replacement cartridges to residents who still meet the eligibility requirements, and to those residents who may not have received a water filter last fall (as long as the criteria listed below is met).

City residents may be eligible for filter replacement cartridges or a water filter **if they meet all of the following**:

- The household receives water from the City of Clare **and**
- A child under the age of 18 is currently living in the home, **OR** a child under the age of 18 spends a few hours a day and several days a week at this address for at least 3 months of the year (Note: For-profit daycares are not eligible) **OR** a pregnant woman lives in the home **and**
- A member of the household receives WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) benefits, Medicaid Insurance or otherwise is unable to afford a water filter **and**
- The household has **NOT** received a water filter from the City of Clare, local health department or the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services **or**
- The household received a filter from the City of Clare, local health department or the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and needs filter replacement cartridges.

City of Clare residents who meet the criteria listed above can call our office at (989)-539-6731 ext. 3 if you need replacement cartridges. Please do not come to the office at this time as our offices are closed to the public

without an appointment. Based on demand, CMDHD will determine the need for a drive-through filter distribution for residents that meet the qualifications. A public notice will be posted if a drive-through distribution is planned.

City residents who are not eligible to receive a free water filter or replacement cartridge from the local and state health department, but who are in need of one, can call the City of Clare at 989-386-7541 extension 201.

All residents can learn more about lead in drinking water, or selecting the right filter for their home, by visiting www.cmdhd.org/lead.

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