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Kalamazoo County Veterans Stand Down Event to Take Place on September 18

Kalamazoo, MI – The 2020 Kalamazoo County Veterans Stand Down Event will take place on Friday, September 18 at Salvation Army's parking lot, located at 1700 S Burdick St, Kalamazoo, MI 49001.

The Stand Down will be a "drive-thru" and pre-registration event this year. Veterans wishing to attend this year's event need to sign up at www.eventbrite.com/e/2020-veterans-stand-down-tickets-112698161234 or call 269-966-5600, ext. 37878. A timeslot will be given upon completion of registration.

The Stand Down's new format allows for social distancing and adherence to Executive Order 2020-160, keeping events to less than 100 people. Walk-ups and those using public transportation will be accommodated. Wearing a face covering or mask is required, if medically able to be worn.

"We're proud that our Kalamazoo County Veterans Service Office has thought of a creative solution to serve veterans with The Stand Down event," said Jim Rutherford, Health Officer of Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department. "The changes to the event keep our community's health and safety, and some of our most vulnerable residents, top of mind during the COVID-19 pandemic," said Rutherford.

There is no charge for veterans attending. Free flu shots, clothing, promotional items, spiritual support, veteran's services information, and a hot lunch will be available for all veterans.

For questions, contact the Kalamazoo County Veteran Services Office at 269-373-5361.

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