



Monroe County Health Department

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MONROE COUNTY MOVES FORWARD IN STEP WITH THE STATE OF INDIANA AND REQUESTS EVERYONE TO DO THEIR PART

BLOOMINGTON: The Monroe County Health Officer, Dr. Thomas Sharp, and the Monroe County Health Department (MCHD) issued a new health order to go into effect May 30, 2020, replacing the former Health Order. The Order will stay in effect until June 15, 2020, unless repealed and replaced by Dr. Sharp prior to that date and time.

According to the Order, Monroe County residents will follow the Stage III requirements of Governor Holcomb's Back on Track Plan Indiana, ***except for a single exception made for Monroe County.*** "We are continually looking at data and gathering information and are carefully moving forward," says Dr. Sharp. The health officer and health department continue to follow guidance from the Centers for Disease Control. They also continue to work closely with local government officials, health leaders, and business partners to gather and share information.

The only exception Monroe County is carving out is to limit mass gatherings to no more than fifty (50) people.

Monroe County encourages businesses to continue to develop their COVID-19 prevention plan and, if possible, to encourage teleworking where possible. Limiting individual contact, social distancing, and wearing face coverings will go a long way to stop the virus from spreading.

If you are not already participating in the Health Department's "I Pledge" campaign, please take time to sign on and to commit to following 5 COVID-19 prevention steps:

- I will maintain 6 feet of social distance
- I will wash my hands often for at least 20 seconds
- I will wear a face covering or mask when in public
- I will stay home when I am sick
- I will get tested immediately if I have symptoms

For more detailed information on the Governor's Back on Track Indiana Plan, visit <https://backontrack.in.gov/>.

For more information, visit the Monroe County Health Department webpage at www.co.monroe.in.us/HealthDepartment.

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