

# Monroe County Disaster Emergency Declaration

Monroe County, Indiana  
March 17, 2020, at 7 am

Whereas, all of Monroe County, Indiana has been impacted by or is immediately threatened by COVID-19 outbreak.

Now, therefore, Julie Thomas, as Presiding Officer of the Monroe County Board of Commissioners, declares that a local disaster emergency exists in the County and that hereby invokes and declares that those portions of the Indiana Code which are applicable to the conditions and have caused the issuance of this proclamation, to be in full force and effect in the County for the exercise of all necessary emergency authority for protection of the lives and property of the people of this County and the restoration of local government with a minimum of interruption.

Such Emergency is for the entirety of Monroe County, Indiana and is due to the threat posed by COVID-19.

This Declaration was issued by the Presiding Officer of the Board of County Commissioners under the authority found in Monroe County Code 450-18, such emergency declaration shall be in full force for seven (7) days and may be extended by either the Presiding Officer of the Board of County Commissioners or by action of the full board.

Reference is hereby made to all appropriate laws, statutes, ordinances, and resolutions and particularly to Indiana Code 10-14-3-29 and Monroe County Code Chapter 450.

All public offices and employees of Monroe County are hereby directed to exercise the utmost diligence in the discharge of duties required of them for the duration of the emergency and in execution of emergency laws, regulations, and directives—state and local.

All residents are called upon and directed to comply with necessary emergency measures, to cooperate with public officials and disaster services forces in executing emergency operations plans, and to obey and comply with the lawful directions of properly identified officers.

In witness, whereof, we have hereunto set our hand this 17th day of March, 2020.

Presiding Officer of the Monroe County Board of  
Commissioners

  
Julie Thomas