



Monroe County Health Department

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MONROE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER TO TAKE EFFECT ON JUNE 12th, 2020

As the Monroe County Public Health Authority, pursuant to the authority granted by Indiana Codes 16-20-1 et seq. and I6-41-9 et seq., in the interest of protecting all Monroe County citizens, and reducing the spread of communicable disease, specifically the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), I order the following to take effect throughout Monroe County, Indiana, beginning on June 12, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. This Order will stay in effect until July 3rd, 2020 at 11:59 p.m., unless repealed or replaced prior to that date and time.

This **Health Order** is issued after respectful consideration of the needs of all residents in Monroe County and the individual units of government within Monroe County. The authority granted to me, as the Public Health Authority, to act throughout the entirety of Monroe County, is recognized by these units as state power delegated to instruct, guide, and protect the health of Monroe County Citizens and the constituents within their units.

Monroe County shall follow the Executive Order(s) issued by the Governor of Indiana for Stage IV [https://www.in.gov/gov/files/Executive%20Order%202020-32%20\(Stage%204\).pdf](https://www.in.gov/gov/files/Executive%20Order%202020-32%20(Stage%204).pdf) in all ways, *except for the following two deviations*, which is designed to and, in my discretion and professional opinion, necessary to protect Monroe County residents:

- 1. Mass gatherings are limited to no more than one hundred (100) people.**
- 2. In order for a restaurant or bar to provide “bar top” service, they must protect bar supplies from possible contamination by patrons at the bar.**

The following recommendations are issued to encourage safe and healthy interactions:

1. Facial Coverings

Monroe County strongly recommends the use of facial coverings when in public and unable to socially distance, as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control.

2. General Recommendations

When individuals must interact with one another outside the home, including at work, they must observe the following precautions:

- Maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from other individuals;
- Wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds as frequently as possible, or use hand sanitizer when necessary;
- Cover all coughs and sneezes;
- Disinfect frequently used surfaces;
- Share food, drinks, utensils, and office supplies and equipment (such as pens, staplers, and computer keyboards) as little as possible;
- Increase ventilation of indoor spaces, by opening windows or adjusting air conditioning, as much as possible;
- Hold all necessary meetings by telephone or videoconference whenever possible; and

- h. Refrain from shaking hands or engaging in other physical contact with the hands or face of another person.

This Health Order is, hereby, issued pursuant to the Indiana Code provisions listed above and in a manner consistent with all statutory authority delegated to me as the Monroe County Public Health Authority.



Dr. Thomas W. Sharp