



## Monroe County Health Department

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### **HEALTH OFFICIALS REMINDS RESIDENTS THAT LOCAL HEALTH REGULATION STILL IN PLACE AS STATE MOVES TO STAGE 5**

**BLOOMINGTON** – The Monroe County Health Department administrator, Penny Caudill, reminds residents that the Health Board Regulation effective 7-22-20 is still in place for Monroe County despite the state entering Indiana Back on Track Stage 5 on 9/26/20.

“According to the metrics on the ISDH Coronavirus dashboard, Monroe County is currently vacillating between orange and yellow, <https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/>, which shows a higher rate of transmission than most of Indiana”, says Caudill.

Gathering size restrictions for Monroe County will remain in place.

Noncommercial gatherings, such as those in a private residence, are limited to 50 people. Indoor commercial events remain limited to 100 people and outdoor commercial events are limited to 150 people. Covid-19 prevention measures, such as social distancing and sanitation measures, are required. Applications for an exemption to the gathering size limits can be found on the Monroe County website at [www.co.monroe.in.us](http://www.co.monroe.in.us).

Governor Holcomb issued a new Executive Order 20-43 which reduced most limitations for the state. The mask requirement is still in place for all Hoosiers, with some limited exceptions.

The state order says bars and restaurants are allowed to open to capacity in the new order, as long as they provide seated service and keep tables at least 6 feet apart. “These measures **MUST** be in place, which we interpret to mean less capacity than what was available before”, states Caudill.

All businesses are required to develop a plan to implement Covid-19 prevention measures and institute safeguards to ensure a safe environment for their employees, customers, clients and members. This must be provided to each employee or staff and posted publically.

The Health Board and Health Officer are reviewing the new state order and will take any additional needed steps at their next meeting.

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