PUBLIC HEALTH REGULATION, UPDATED ON 11-18-2020, AS A RESULT OF MONROE COUNTY ENTERING ORANGE STATUS
PURSUANT TO STATE AND LOCAL LAW, INCLUDING INDIANA CODE § 16-20-1 et seq.

Effective November 17, 2020, the Monroe County Board of Health agreed to follow the State of Indiana’s Guidelines by Color put in place by the Governor of Indiana, which can be found at: https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/. The Board of Health, however, specifically, granted to the Monroe County Health Administrator and the Health Officer Thomas W. Sharp, the ability to adjust restrictions, in any particular area, as required in order to protect the public health.

Monroe County’s rate of COVID-19 infection is such that, as of November 18, 2020, Monroe County is entering the status of ORANGE. With that in mind, Dr. Sharp specifically orders and highlights the following restrictions in Monroe County:

1. Gathering size limit shall not exceed twenty five (25) persons. This limitation is on all gatherings, both those considered private and commercial, which are treated similarly under the last Governor’s Order.

2. Exemptions to the gathering size limitation will only be granted if there are extreme or extenuating circumstances and if proper safety protocols are in place.

3. Bars and restaurants shall close no later than 1:00 a.m. each day.

4. Restaurants are not required to have carry-out service only; however, it is strongly recommended that restaurants promote and encourage carry-out service as much as possible.

Unless contradicted by the above, more-stringent restrictions stated above, the updated Health Regulations effective November 17, 2020 are still in effect and shall be followed. Please see the Monroe County Health Department website at: https://www.co.monroe.in.us/department/?structureid=12

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