



Monroe County Health Department

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PUBLIC HEALTH REGULATION AND ORDER, UPDATED ON FEBRUARY 2, 2021

PURSUANT TO STATE AND LOCAL LAW, INCLUDING INDIANA CODE § 16-20-1 et seq.

On February 2, 2021, the Monroe County Board of Health (“Board”) met and reviewed the Health Regulations previously put in effect and received an update regarding the COVID-19 statistics for Monroe County and the State of Indiana.

The Board discussed Executive Order 21-02, issued by the Governor of Indiana (“Governor”) on January 28, 2021 (a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein), and agreed – **with the exceptions below** - to continue to follow the State of Indiana’s Guidelines by Color, which can be found at: <https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/>.

The Board wishes to continue to allow, by delegation, the Health Officer Thomas W. Sharp, in consultation with the Department of Health Administrator Penny Caudill, the ability to adjust restrictions, in any particular area, as required in order to protect the public health and in recognition of Monroe County’s unique status as home to Indiana University and its student population. Monroe County’s rate of COVID-19 infection is such that, as of February 2, 2021, Monroe County continues to remain in a status of **ORANGE**. With that in mind and in recognition that this will be revisited when Monroe County reaches **YELLOW**, (which is expected to occur on February 3rd) the Board and Dr. Sharp specifically order and highlight the following additional restrictions in Monroe County:

1. Social Gatherings and Events shall not exceed twenty five (25) persons when in **ORANGE** and fifty (50) persons when in **YELLOW**. This limitation is on all Social Gatherings and Events, both those considered private and commercial, which are treated similarly under the last Governor’s Order. As allowed by Paragraph 12 of the Governor’s Order, Monroe County’s size limit is more restrictive than that imposed by the Governor’s Order. 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.
2. Bars and restaurants shall follow the Governor’s Order in all ways, except that they shall close no later than 1:00 a.m. each day.
3. For additional detail, visit the Monroe County Health Department website at: <https://www.co.monroe.in.us/department/?structureid=12> and read attached Governor’s Order.

Dr. Thomas W. Sharp
Monroe County Health Officer

