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Grant County Emergency Operations Center

COVID-19 Response / Planning

May 4, 2020 Daily Briefing

0900 Daily Briefing;

The Grant County Health Department has reported 158, confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 13 deaths in Grant County.

The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) has identified 20,507 total presumptive positive cases of COVID-19 and 1,151 deaths and 113,297 tests in the state of Indiana.

The Grant County Commissioners and other elected officials in the county and at the state level will continue planning this week for Grant County to comply with stage 2 of the Governor's 5 stage road map to re-open the state of Indiana. It is imperative that we continue to monitor the number of new cases occurring in Grant County and maintain the ability to treat COVID-19 patients as well as protect the overall capacity of the health care system in the state, region and Grant County.

The Grant County Health Department under the direction of Dr. Moore will still be the lead agency in Grant County for the response to COVID-19 related case and will provide direction to our elected officials in the planning process laid out by the Governor on Friday.

Please see the next page for more details of stages 1 and 2 of the Governors road map.

Eastbrook Community School Corporation would like to let members of our county know about the food distributions happening in the Eastbrook area for those who might not have access to transportation across the county. Food distribution is available every Monday from 3:00 to 6:00 at each building in Eastbrook Schools with the next distribution being Monday, May 4th.

Both elementary buildings have partnered with Second Harvest and the next distributions will be as follows:

Second Harvest at Eastbrook South Elementary on May 20th from 4:00 - 5:30

Second Harvest at Eastbrook North Elementary on May 27th from 4:00 to 5:30

Marion Community Schools will conduct a food distribution on Wednesday May 6, 2020 at the same location as the previous distributions.

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Below are some of the details for the Governors 5 step road map to re-open Indiana; Stage 1 March 24th to May 4th

- Elective procedures permitted as of April 27; one person may accompany the patient for services
- Essential manufacturing, construction, infrastructure, government, business, healthcare, and other critical businesses and operations open as outlined in Executive Order 20-22
- Essential retail businesses providing necessities of life such as grocery stores, pharmacies, hardware, building materials, and more open as outlined in EO 20-22
- Restaurants and bars with food service may offer carryout, curbside, and delivery services
- Retail stores may offer call-in or online ordering with curbside pickup and delivery
- State parks are open
- Golf courses are open
- Campgrounds are closed except for permanent RV and cabin residents
- State government operations continue without public access to buildings
- Only essential travel is allowed
- Social gatherings with no more than 10 people are allowed
- K-12 school buildings are closed and all activities are canceled until June 30

Stage 2 Beginning May 4th

GUIDELINES FOR ALL HOOSIERS • Hoosiers 65 and over and those with high-risk health conditions should remain at home whenever possible. This is the population that is most vulnerable to the coronavirus

- Recommend that residents wear face coverings in public settings. Residents also should continue to practice social distancing and good hygiene
- Social gatherings of 25 people may take place following the CDC social distancing guidelines. The coronavirus is often spread among groups of people who are in close contact in a confined space for an extended period of time. This limit applies to such events as wedding receptions, birthday parties, Mother's Day gatherings, and others where people are in close physical contact for extended periods of time
- Essential travel restrictions are lifted; local non-essential travel allowed
- Continue remote work whenever possible

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RELIGIOUS SERVICES — MAY 8 • Religious services may convene inside places of worship. There are specific practices that should be considered for in-person services that are driven by social distancing guidelines and protections for those 65 and older and individuals with known high-risk medical conditions. Examples of services include weddings, funerals, and baptisms. See the Revised Guidance for Places of Worship for more complete details

WHAT OPENS • Manufacturers, industrial operations, and other infrastructure that has not been in operation may open following OSHA and CDC guidelines. General guidance for these industries may be found in this document

- About half of the state's Bureau of Motor Vehicle branches will open with services by appointment only; the remainder of branches will continue to open over the next two weeks
- Public libraries may open according to their own policies and CDC guidelines

If you have health questions related to the COVID-19 virus MGH has a specific call number you can call. The number is 765-660-6999.

Respectfully,

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