



CODE ENFORCEMENT GUIDANCE FOR BUSINESSES DURING INDIANA'S PHASED REOPENING

BUSINESSES WITHOUT A POSTED OR CURRENT OCCUPANCY LOAD

IDHS Code Enforcement can help determine the 50-percent and 75-percent loads to comply with COVID-19 guidance.

First, contact your local fire or building inspector to assist with occupancy load calculations before you contact IDHS.

If your local inspector is not conducting field business during this time, or if there is no local inspector, please send your request to codequestions@dhs.in.gov or call 317-232-1407.

*Please note that temporary occupancy loads are approximate and not meant to take the place of a design professional or local building authority's Certificate of Occupancy with full occupancy load. Also, if IDHS conducts a visit for temporary occupancy loads, that **major life or safety issues, if noted, will also be addressed while on site.** This could lead to the potential for an inspection to be issued to address code violations. Inspection orders will provide a 60-day initial time period instead of 30 for compliance to work in partnership with each business.*

LOCAL CODE OFFICIALS

IDHS Code Enforcement began statewide inspections on May 6, 2020. These inspections include Commercial Design Release projects, businesses needing an inspection to open, permit-driven fireworks stores, child care centers, ministries, and industrialized buildings, schools and Amusement & Entertainment locations needing an inspection. If you need assistance, please call 317-232-1407.

IDHS inspection teams will be practicing social distancing, wearing masks in the field and refraining from issuing out paper until Stage 5 of the [Back on Track Indiana plan](#).