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Travel Advisory Map

As Indiana continues to receive severe weather, please regularly update your county's status on the [IDHS County Travel Status Map](#). **The map reports the date of the last change**, which can give the impression that counties are not updating the map in a timely manner, especially if the bar for a change is high within the county. Regularly resetting the county status to "Normal" will help residents understand they have the most up-to-date information when making any traveling decisions.

Emergency Operations Center Activated at Level 1



The Indiana State Emergency Operations Center has been upgraded to Level 1 status as officials respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The center is staffed by representatives from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security, Indiana Department of Transportation, Indiana State Department of Health, Department of Correction, Indiana Department of Transportation and several other state agencies.

Under a Level 1 status, the center is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Operations from the center are being done in coordination with Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb's office and state policymakers.

Briefings are held throughout the day with public safety leadership at the city, county, state, and federal levels.

EMPG Salary Grant deadline extended to June 30

IDHS appreciates the patience of our EMA partners as development continues in the IntelliGrants grants management system. Many EMAs have sent inquiries regarding the March 31, 2020, deadline to upload supporting documentation, trainings and exercises into the system for the 2019 EMPG salary grant. The due date will be **extended from March 31 to June 30** allow for the full collection of this data.

If additional time is needed beyond June 30, please contact the Grants Management staff via a [Grants Management support ticket](#). All documentation will be uploaded into the fiscal report when requesting a reimbursement. Please note: Before submitting for reimbursement, a fully executed grant agreement must be completed through the signature and approval process. It is expected all EMAs will have received those grant agreements by the end of March.

FEMA and IDHS guidance on COVID-19

FEMA has issued additional information on its supporting role related to the COVID-19 response. You can visit the IDHS [Emergency Management Page](#) to find the information, or [read it here](#).

Additionally, the following resources have been created to help EMAs and First Responders:

- [Novel Coronavirus Prevention Steps Guidance](#)
- [Guidance on PPE for COVID-19 Response](#) (3/19/20)

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- [COVID-19 Guidance for Dispatch](#) (**updated** 3/19/20)
- [COVID-19 Guidance for EMS Agencies](#) (**updated** 3/19/20)
- [COVID-19 Guidance and General Waiver #2](#) (3/17/20)
- [COVID-19 Guidance for Hospitals, EMS for Ambulance Diversion Requests](#) (3/12/20)
- [EMS Guidance and Blanket Waiver on COVID-19 Coronavirus](#) (3/11/20)

Indiana eligible for low-interest, federal disaster loans from SBA

The U.S. Small Business Administration is offering low-interest federal disaster loans for working capital to Indiana small businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The disaster declaration makes SBA assistance available in the entire state of Indiana.

Applicants may apply online, receive additional disaster assistance information and download applications at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>. Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance.

- [SBA Disaster Assistance Loans Available](#) (3/19/20)
- [SBA News Release](#)