



IDHS HAUNTED HOUSE GUIDANCE DURING COVID-19

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the creation of Indiana's public health emergency executive orders, this document serves as a guidance resource for Indiana haunted house owners who plan to operate during the fall 2020 season.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- All Indiana haunted houses should follow the occupancy guidelines and expectations specified in the Back on Track Indiana plan issued by Governor Holcomb.
- If the statewide occupancy restrictions continue to remain in effect, local municipalities have the ability to create additional occupancy guidelines. It is important to frequently check for any county and city occupancy restrictions that are created outside of the Back on Track Indiana plan during the 2020 haunted house season.
- The IDHS Code Enforcement Section will continue to conduct amusement & entertainment permit inspections as normal and will enforce the applicable fire and building codes. Please note that occupant load complaints may be inspected by the IDHS Code Enforcement Section.
- Haunted houses are classified as an "entertainment/tourist" location in the Back on Track Indiana plan and must follow the same occupancy requirements that apply to bowling alleys, theatres, etc.
- Questions should be directed to IDHS Code Enforcement at 317-232-1407 or codequestions@dhs.in.gov.
- Complaints or issues should be directed to Kristin Settle, IDHS Code Enforcement section chief, at 317-417-8359 or ksettle@dhs.in.gov.