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"Promoting physical and mental health and facilitating the prevention of disease, injury and disability for all St. Joseph County residents"

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COVID-19 Cases Update and St. Joseph County Public Health Order 2-2020

St. Joseph County- As of today, the County's total number of confirmed cases is at 1,811. We are confirming 4 new deaths from last week which were reported over the weekend related to COVID-19 infection, bringing the County's total deaths to 76 deaths, 73 of those deaths are St. Joseph County residents.

Today, Dr. Robert Einterz, Health Officer, with support from the St. Joseph County Unified Command is issuing Public Health order 2-2020 that will go into effect on Saturday, July 4, 2020, effective through September 7, 2020.

As the St. Joseph County Public Health Authority, pursuant to the authority granted by Indiana Codes 16- 20-1 et seq. and 16-41-9 et seq., in the interest of protecting all St. Joseph County residents, and reducing the spread of communicable disease, specifically the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), I order the following to take effect throughout St. Joseph County, Indiana:

- Any business establishment open to customers shall make alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol readily accessible at the entrance and in proximity to high-touch surfaces.
- A face covering over one's nose and mouth shall be required for any persons entering an enclosed public space or enclosed place of business, unless such persons have a medical exception indicating that a face covering is ill-advised for health reasons, or the face covering prevents the persons from delivering or receiving goods or services. The face covering shall be worn at all times when physical distancing of at least six feet cannot be maintained.
- Exceptions include but are not limited to any person who has trouble breathing, is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the face covering without assistance. Examples of such exceptions include but are not limited to individuals with respiratory conditions such as asthma and chronic obstructive lung disease; severe anxiety; autism; cerebral palsy; 2 years of age or younger.

The St. Joseph County Department of Health urges the continuation of the following actions:

- **Practice extreme physical distancing.**
 - Maintain at least 6ft between individuals.
 - Wearing a mask does NOT eliminate the need for physical distancing.
- **Practice frequent and proper hand hygiene & cough etiquette.**

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- Wash hands often, for at least 20 seconds, with soap & water; coughing and sneezing into your sleeve.
- **Stay home if ill.**
- **Abide by the current Public Health Order, requiring face coverings when going into an enclosed public space or business and when 6 feet of physical distance cannot be maintained within the enclosed public space or business.**

For more information on COVID-19, visit the Indiana State Department of Health at www.in.gov/isdh and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at www.cdc.gov. For general questions as it relates to COVID-19 infection, please call 2-1-1.

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