

COVID-19 COUNTY METRICS AND REQUIREMENTS

The Indiana Department of Health has established a color-coded county map that measures weekly cases per 100,000 residents and the seven-day positivity rate for all tests completed. Each county is assigned a color based on the average of scores for the two metrics. The map is updated each Wednesday at www.coronavirus.in.gov.

BLUE. The county has a point score of below 1.0 when percent positivity and new cases per 100,000 residents are combined. There is low community spread.

- All general requirements are in effect
- Social gatherings of any kind, indoors or outdoors, are limited to 250 people.
- Evaluate the source of positive tests, undertake targeted testing, quarantine and isolation
- K-12 extracurricular and co-curricular activities may continue. Capacity is limited to 25 percent, in consultation with local health departments. All students and attendees must be socially distanced and wear face coverings
- Community recreational sports league and tournaments may continue but are limited participants, support personnel and parents/guardians and their minor children
- College and professional sports may continue with participants, support personnel and family members. A local health department may approve a plan for fan attendance of up to 25 percent capacity

YELLOW. The county has a point score of 1.0 to 1.5 when percent positivity and new cases per 100,000 residents are combined. There is moderate community spread.

- All general requirements are in effect
- Social gatherings of any kind, indoors or outdoors, are limited to 100 people.
- Evaluate the source of positive tests, undertake targeted testing, quarantine and isolation
- Local public health officials, health care providers, elected officials, school leadership and other key local leaders must convene regularly to discuss actions that could be implemented to decrease the spread of COVID in their communities
- K-12 extracurricular and co-curricular activities may continue. Capacity is limited to 25 percent, in consultation with local health departments. All students and attendees must be socially distanced and wear face coverings
- Community recreational sports league and tournaments may continue but are limited participants, support personnel and parents/guardians and their minor children
- College and professional sports may continue with participants, support personnel and family members. A local health department may approve a plan for fan attendance of up to 25 percent capacity
- School officials should review plans for all extra-curricular activities and assemblies to ensure best mitigation practices are being followed

ORANGE. The county has a point score of 2.0 to 2.5 when percent positivity and new cases per 100,000 residents are combined. Community spread is approaching high levels. These requirements are in effect when a county reaches the orange metric and remain until a county moves to yellow or blue for two straight weeks. Local officials may impose further restrictions

- All general requirements are in effect. Hoosier businesses remain open
- Social gatherings of any kind, indoors or outside, are limited to 50 people
- Local public health officials, health care providers, elected officials, school leadership and other key local leaders must convene regularly to discuss actions that could be implemented to decrease the spread of COVID in their communities
- Evaluate the source of positive tests, undertake targeted testing, quarantine and isolation
- Capacity in common areas and break rooms should be reduced, and users must be socially distanced
- Community recreational sports leagues and tournaments may continue with attendance limited to participants, required personnel and parents/guardians only
- K-12 extracurricular and co-curricular activities may continue. Capacity is limited to 25 percent, in consultation with local health departments. All students and attendees must be socially distanced and wear face coverings
- College and professional sports may continue with participants, support personnel and family members. A local health department may approve a plan for fan attendance of up to 25 percent capacity

RED. The county has a point score of 3.0 or higher when percent positivity and new cases per 100,000 residents are combined. Very high positivity and community spread. When a county is in the red metric, these requirements remain in effect until the metric has returned to orange or lower for two weeks. Local officials may impose additional restrictions

- All general requirements are in effect. Hoosier businesses remain open
- Social gatherings of any kind, indoors or outside, are limited to 25 people
- The Indiana Department of Health will convene local public health officials, local health care providers, elected officials, school leaders and other key stakeholders to discuss actions that will be taken. State agencies will provide further support upon request
- Evaluate the source of positive tests, undertake targeted testing, quarantine and isolation
- Vulnerable populations should remain isolated. Social and holiday gathering participation is not advised
- All business capacity must adhere to strict social distancing guidelines; curbside pickup is preferred
- Local officials may consider limiting hours for the operation of bars, nightclubs and restaurants
- Community recreational sports leagues and tournaments may continue with participants, required personnel, and parents/guardians and their minor children only
- Senior center activities are suspended
- Hospitals, long-term care and other congregate settings may impose visitation limits
- Reduce the number of people in common areas and break rooms at one time
- K-12 extracurricular and co-curricular activities may continue but attendance is limited to participants, support personnel and parent/guardians plus their minor children. All students and attendees must be social distanced and wear face coverings
- College and professional sports may continue with participants, support personnel and family members. A local health department may approve a plan for fan attendance of up to 25 percent capacity

Recommendations previously were created to assist schools with decision-making. Those recommendations may be found at: https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/files/COVID-19-Schools_color%20level%20recommendations.pdf

CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS, DEC. 13 TO JAN. 3

Please see complete details in Executive Order 20-50 [here](#).

REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL HOOSIERS:

- Hospitals are required to postpone and/or reschedule certain elective procedures performed in an in-patient setting from Dec. 16, 2020 through Jan. 3, 2021. Please read EO-50 for specifics
- The size of social gatherings will be limited by the color metric of the county. Local health departments may not accept or approve plans for events that request more attendees or participants. The limits are:
 - Red – 25 people
 - Orange – 50 people
 - Yellow – 100 people
 - Blue – 250 people
 - Details may be found in the County Metrics and Requirements section
- K-12 extracurricular and co-curricular activities may continue but attendance is limited to participants, support personnel and parents/guardians plus their minor children for counties in the RED metric. Those in blue, yellow, or orange must limit capacity to 25 percent, in consultation with local health departments. All students and attendees must be socially distanced and wear face coverings
- Community recreational sports league and tournaments may continue but are limited to participants, support personnel and parents/guardians and their minor children
- College and professional sports may continue with participants, support personnel and family members. A local health department may approve a plan for fan attendance of up to 25 percent capacity
- Face coverings are required for all Hoosiers
- Hoosier businesses are open, following county metric requirements
- Businesses of all types are required to place clearly visible signage at their public and employee entrances notifying all that face coverings are required. Businesses should only admit only those who wear face coverings and practice social distancing
- Communicate to all employees that their activities outside of work have the potential to increase the spread of COVID in their workplaces and communities
- All customers in restaurants, bars and nightclubs are required to be seated when receiving service. Individuals from non-household parties must be spaced six feet apart at tables, counters or other seating arrangements
- Hoosier pre-K to 12 schools should consult with their local department of health and use the Indiana Department of Health metrics for decisions about in-person, hybrid and virtual operations
- All Hoosiers are required to maintain social distancing of six feet in public spaces, whether inside or outside, and especially when with others who are not members of your immediate household
- The Indiana Department of Homeland Security and Alcohol & Tobacco Commission, together with local partners, will continue to check businesses for occupancy, social distancing, face covering requirements and other Executive Order components to ensure compliance without financial penalty
- Wash your hands frequently; use hand-sanitizer when hand-washing is not available
- If you test positive, isolate according to CDC guidelines
- Do not go to work or other locations when you feel sick or symptomatic. Free COVID tests are available throughout the state
- Hoosiers 65 and older and those with known high-risk medical conditions should remain vigilant about protecting their exposure to COVID
- Hoosiers who will be in contact with individuals 65 and older and those with known high-risk medical conditions should consider suspending in-person visits
 - Do not visit if you are symptomatic or have received a positive COVID test
 - Wear a face covering at all times

As added by P.L.2-1993, SEC.3. Amended by P.L.122-2012, SEC.1.

IC 16-20-1-24 Epidemic control; powers

Sec. 24. (a) Local health officers may order schools and churches closed and forbid public gatherings when considered necessary to prevent and stop epidemics.

(b) An individual who takes action under this section shall comply with state laws and rules.

[Pre-1993 Recodification Citation: 16-1-4-10.]

As added by P.L.2-1993, SEC.3.

IC 16-20-1-25 Unlawful conditions; abatement order; enforcement; providing false information

Sec. 25. (a) A person shall not institute, permit, or maintain any conditions that may transmit, generate, or promote disease.

(b) A health officer, upon receiving a complaint asserting the existence of unlawful conditions described in subsection (a) within the officer's jurisdiction, shall document the complaint as provided in subsection (d). Upon verifying the information contained in the complaint, the health officer shall order the abatement of those conditions. The order must:

- (1) be in writing;
- (2) specify the conditions that may transmit disease; and
- (3) name the shortest reasonable time for abatement.

(c) If a person refuses or neglects to obey an order issued under this section, the attorney representing the county of the health jurisdiction where the offense occurs shall, upon receiving the information from the health officer, institute proceedings in the courts for enforcement. An order may be enforced by injunction. If the action concerning public health is a criminal offense, a law enforcement authority with jurisdiction over the place where the offense occurred shall be notified.

(d) A complaint made under subsection (b) must include adequate details to allow the health officer to verify the existence of the unlawful conditions that are the subject of the complaint. A health officer shall provide a copy of a complaint upon request to the person who is the subject of the complaint.

(e) A person who provides false information upon which a health officer relies in issuing an order under this section commits a Class C misdemeanor.

[Pre-1993 Recodification Citation: 16-1-4-11.]

As added by P.L.2-1993, SEC.3. Amended by P.L.97-2012, SEC.16; P.L.292-2013, SEC.10.

IC 16-20-1-26 Injunctive enforcement; legal representation of health authorities

Sec. 26. (a) A local board of health or local health officer may enforce the board's or officer's orders, citations, and administrative notices by an action in the circuit or superior court. The court may take any appropriate action in a proceeding under this section, including any of the following:

- (1) Issuing an injunction.
- (2) Entering a judgment.
- (3) Issuing an order and conditions under IC 16-41-9.
- (4) Ordering the suspension or revocation of a license.
- (5) Ordering an inspection.
- (6) Ordering that a property be vacated.
- (7) Ordering that a structure be demolished.
- (8) Imposing a penalty not to exceed an amount set forth in IC 36-1-3-8(a)(10).
- (9) Imposing court costs and fees under IC 33-37-4-2 and IC 33-37-5.
- (10) Ordering the respondent to take appropriate action in a specified time to comply with the order of the local board of health or local health officer.