

# CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS, NOV. 15 TO DEC. 12

Please see complete details in Executive Order 20-48 [here](#).

Read Gov. Holcomb's remarks [here](#).

## REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL HOOSIERS:

1. Face coverings are required for all Hoosiers
2. Hoosier businesses are open, with certain requirements when county metrics are in orange and red
3. 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
4. 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
5. Hospitals should implement evidenced-based criteria to reprioritize non-emergent procedures and surgeries to ensure sufficient capacity to care for all patients
6. 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
7. 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
8. 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 requirement and other Executive Order components to ensure compliance without financial penalty
9. Wash your hands frequently; use hand-sanitizer when hand-washing is not available
10. Do not go to work or other locations when you feel sick or symptomatic. Free COVID tests are available throughout the state
11. Hoosiers 65 and older and those with known high-risk medical conditions should remain vigilant about protecting their exposure to COVID
12. 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

# 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](http://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.
- A special, seasonal or commercial event for which more than 250 people will be in attendance, must submit a plan to the local health department at least seven days in advance of the event and receive approval before proceeding. This requirement is effective Nov. 22
- Evaluate the source of positive tests, undertake targeted testing, quarantine and isolation

**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.
- A special, seasonal or commercial event for which more than 100 people will be in attendance must submit a plan to the local health department at least seven days in advance of the event and receive approval before proceeding. This requirement is effective Nov. 22. Event guidance may be found in Executive Order 20-48
- 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
- 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
- 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
- Social gatherings of any kind, indoors or outside, are limited to 50 people
- Special, seasonal or commercial events for which more than 50 people are requested to attend must submit a plan to the local health department at least seven days in advance of the event and receive approval before proceeding. College and professional sports events are included. This requirement is effective Nov. 22. Event guidance may be found in Executive Order 20-48
- Capacity in common areas and break rooms should be reduced, and users must be socially distanced
- Attendance at winter indoor K-12 extracurricular and co-curricular activities, including IHSAA sports, is limited to 25 percent capacity, in consultation with local health departments; all non-competing and non-performing participants, support personnel and attendees are required to wear face coverings at all times. All non-family groups must be socially distanced
- IHSAA football games on Friday, Nov. 20, may continue utilizing IHSAA guidance that requires local health departments and communities to determine stadium capacity. The IHSAA will work with the Marion County health department on a limited spectator plan for state championship games at Lucas Oil Stadium
- Community recreational sports leagues and tournaments may continue with attendance limited to participants, required personnel and parents/guardians only

**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.
- 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
- Social gatherings of any kind, indoors or outside, are limited to 25 people
- Special, seasonal or commercial events are not advised to be held. A special, seasonal or commercial event for which more than 25 people are requested to be in attendance must submit a plan to the local health department at least seven days in advance of the event and receive approval before proceeding. College and professional sports events are included. This requirement is effective Nov. 22. Event guidance may be found in Executive Order 20-48
- 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
- Attendance at winter indoor K-12 extracurricular and co-curricular activities, including IHSAA sports, is limited to participants, support personnel and parents/guardians. All non-competing and non-performing participants, support personnel and attendees are required to wear face coverings at all times
- IHSAA football games on Friday, Nov. 20, may continue with attendance limited to participants, support personnel and parents/guardians. The IHSAA will work with the Marion County health department on a limited spectator plan for state championship games
- Community recreational sports leagues and tournaments may continue with participants, required personnel, and parents/guardians 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

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](https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/files/COVID-19-Schools_color%20level%20recommendations.pdf)