

**WHITE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS’
LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY DECLARATION
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-03 OF MAY 6, 2020**

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020, Indiana Governor Holcomb issued his Executive Order 20-02 declaring that a public health disaster emergency exists in Indiana attributable to the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”), and on May 1, 2020 issued his Executive Order 20-26, further extending his Emergency Declaration Orders; and,

WHEREAS, that preparation for public health hazards such as COVID-19 require coordinated efforts across federal, state, county and local governments, first responders, private organizations, and the entire healthcare infrastructure in Indiana, and,

WHEREAS, despite significant steps being taken in the State, White County, and in the City of Monticello, COVID-19 presents a serious threat to the health, safety, and welfare of all residents of White County, and continued efforts are needed to address, control and reduce the evolving threat posed by COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, reported positive cases of COVID-19 in White County continue to rise, having doubled over the past weekend, and are not expected to peak for another one to two weeks; and,

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation from the White County Health Department that masks continue to be worn by all persons entering all Businesses within White County; and,

WHEREAS, on April 28, 2020, the White County Board of Commissioners issued their Local Disaster Emergency Declaration Order No. 20-02, regarding Essential Retail Businesses and Operations; and,

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the White County Board of Commissioners to continue the Commissioners’ Executive Order of April 28, 2020, as amended herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby declared that a state of local disaster emergency continues to exist in White County, and with regard to Essential Retail and Commercial Businesses permitted to be open under Governor Holcomb’s Executive Orders, the White County Board of Commissioners, do hereby Order:

1. Every person who enters such businesses, including business employees, must wear a face covering that covers their nose and mouth.
2. Children under the age of sixteen (16) will not be allowed inside such businesses, unless they are accompanied by a parent or guardian.
3. Such businesses shall monitor and enforce these orders.

4. All those considered "high-risk" are encouraged to avoid all public gatherings.
5. All persons are recommended to wear face coverings in all public settings. Residents should also continue to practice social distancing and good hygiene.
6. This Executive Order is supplemental to Governor Holcomb's Executive Order No. 20-26 which all persons are recommended to review and obey. Pursuant to Governor Holcomb's Order, retail and commercial businesses, including those that have been open for the necessities of life during previous Governor's Executive Orders may operate at 50% of capacity.
7. This Executive Order shall become effective at 8:30 a.m. (EST) on Wednesday, May 6, 2020, and shall expire at 12:01 a.m. (EST) on Wednesday, May 13, 2020.

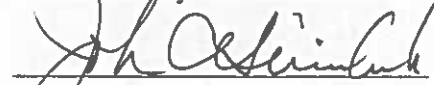
SO ORDERED, this 6th day of May, 2020.

Attest:



GAYLE E. ROGERS
White County Auditor

White County Commissioners



JOHN C. HEIMLICH, President



STEVE BURTON



DAVID DIENER