

**WHITE COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS' EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-02**

**WHITE COUNTY LOCAL DISASTER
EMERGENCY DECLARATION**

WHEREAS, the White County Commissioners (“Commissioners”) are the governing board of White County, Indiana; and,

WHEREAS, the Commissioners have previously declared a local disaster emergency pursuant to I.C. §10-14-3-29(a)(1), due to the COVID 19 coronavirus (“Coronavirus”); and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners desire to minimize an imminent threat of widespread injury or loss of life within the County, and to ensure efficient government of the County; and,

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus has spread to every county in Indiana, and Coronavirus cases continue to increase within White County and especially in certain counties adjacent to White County; and

WHEREAS, Federal, State, and County health officials recommend implementation of mitigation strategies to increase containment of the Coronavirus, by limiting public interaction, including public interaction within Retail Businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Indiana Governor has defined by his Executive Order 20-22 “Essential Businesses and Operations” as meaning Healthcare and Public Health Operations, Human Services Operations, Essential Government Functions, and Essential Infrastructure, as well as other certain Businesses and Operations specifically set forth therein; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby declared that a state of local emergency continues to exist in White County, Indiana, and in accordance with Governor Holcomb’s Executive Order 20-22 regarding “Essential Retail Business and Operations”, the Board of Commissioners of White County hereby order that within White County:

1. Essential Retail Businesses and Operations shall allow only one (1) person per family into an Essential Retail Business or Operation at a time.
2. Children under the age of sixteen (16) will not be allowed inside Essential Retail Businesses or Operations.
3. Every person who enters an Essential Retail Business or Operation must wear a mask that covers their nose and mouth.
4. No more than two (2) customers are allowed inside an Essential Retail Business or Operation per 1,000 square feet of retail space.

5. If an Essential Retail Business or Operation has more than 62,000 square feet of retail space, allowance is capped at 125 customers at one time.

6. Essential Retail Businesses and Operations shall monitor and enforce these orders.

7. All those considered “high-risk” are encouraged to avoid all public gatherings.

8. All previous Executive Orders shall continue in full force and effect.

9. Any person who knowingly, intentionally, or recklessly violates this Executive Order commits a Class B Misdemeanor punishable by up to 180 days imprisonment and a fine up to \$1,000.00.

This Executive Order shall expire at 12:01 A.M. (EST) on Wednesday, May 6, 2020.

SO ORDERED, this 28th day of April, 2020.

White County Commissioners

JOHN C. HEIMLICH, President

Attest:

GAYLE E. ROGERS
White County Auditor

STEVE BURTON

DAVID DIENER