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The White County Health Department has been requested to provide clarity and guidance regarding the recommendations on gatherings. The Health Department recommends against gatherings of more than 10 people until state and federal guidelines are eased. This includes Church gatherings, including outdoor services such as parking lot services and services at the outdoor theater. These recommendations are made in conjunction with guidance provided by the Indiana State Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Gatherings of more than 10 people is discouraged if there are “higher-risk” persons in attendance. It will be impossible to know with certainty which persons are at “higher-risk”. We are providing this recommendation after considering all available information and resources at this time. We know that everyone wants to do their part to bring this pandemic to an end as soon as possible and to keep our community healthy, including those among us who may be most vulnerable.

❖ **Please practice these everyday preventative actions:**

- ✓ Frequently wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- ✓ Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or use the inside of your elbow.
- ✓ Clean frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- ✓ Stay home when sick.

❖ **Remember to:**

- ✓ Stay home when sick.
- ✓ Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or use the inside of your elbow.
- ✓ Wash hands often.
- ✓ Limit close contact with others as much as possible (about 6 feet).

**Working together as a community will keep us strong!**

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