

CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS, MAR 1 TO MAR 31

Please see complete details in Executive Order 21-06 [here](#).

REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL HOOSIERS:

1. Hospitals should implement evidenced-based criteria to reprioritize non-emergent procedures and surgeries to ensure sufficient capacity to care for all patients
2. The overall size of a social gathering or event is strongly recommended to be limited based on a county's color-coded metric:
 - Red – 25 people
 - Orange – 50 people
 - Yellow – 100 people
 - Blue – 250 people
3. Social gatherings and events may take place with these attendance limits:
 - Red – may not exceed 25 percent of a facility capacity
 - Orange – may not exceed 25 percent of a facility capacity
 - Yellow – may not exceed 50 percent of a facility capacity
 - Blue – may not exceed 100 percent of a facility capacity
 - This includes K-12 extracurricular and co-curricular activities, community recreational sports, and college and professional sports, which should coordinate events with their local health departments.
 - Venue owners, hosts or organizers are required to submit to a written safety plan that addresses the steps that will be taken to mitigate against COVID-19 to the local health department.
4. Face coverings are required for all Hoosiers
5. Hoosier businesses are open, following county metric requirements
6. 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
7. Businesses should communicate to all employees that their activities outside of work have the potential to increase the spread of COVID in their workplaces and communities
8. 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
9. 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
10. 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
11. 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
12. Wash your hands frequently; use hand-sanitizer when hand-washing is not available
13. If you test positive, isolate according to CDC guidelines
14. Do not go to work or other locations when you feel sick or symptomatic. Free COVID tests are available throughout the state
15. Hoosiers 65 and older and those with known high-risk medical conditions should remain vigilant about protecting their exposure to COVID
16. 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.

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 are recommended to be no more than 250 people
- Events and social gatherings may take place at up to 100 percent capacity when all other guidelines, including social distancing, face coverings, and plans to mitigate COVID-19 are in place
- K-12 extracurricular and co-curricular activities, community recreational sports, and college and professional sports, are included, and should be coordinated with local health departments
- Communities should evaluate the source of positive tests, undertake targeted testing, quarantine, and isolate

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. 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
- Social gatherings are recommended to be no more than 100 people
- Events and social gatherings may take place at up to 50 percent capacity when all other guidelines, including social distancing, face coverings, and plans to mitigate COVID-19 are in place
 - K-12 extracurricular and co-curricular activities, community recreational sports, and college and professional sports, are included and should be coordinated with local health departments
 - School communities should regularly review plans for all extra-curricular activities and assemblies to ensure the best mitigation practices are being followed
- Communities should evaluate the source of positive tests, undertake targeted testing, quarantine, and isolate
- 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

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
- Social gatherings are recommended to be no more than 50 people
- Events and social gatherings may take place at up to 25 percent capacity when all other guidelines, including social distancing, face coverings, and plans to mitigate COVID-19 are in place
 - K-12 extracurricular and co-curricular activities, community recreational sports, and college and professional sports, are included and should be coordinated with local health departments
 - School communities should regularly review plans for all extra-curricular activities and assemblies to ensure the best mitigation practices are being followed
- Communities should evaluate the source of positive tests, undertake targeted testing, quarantine, and isolate
- 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
- Businesses should evaluate capacity in common areas and break rooms and reduce use; users should be socially distanced

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
- Social gatherings are recommended to be no more than 25 people
- Events and social gatherings may take place at up to 25 percent capacity when all other guidelines, including social distancing, face coverings, and plans to mitigate COVID-19 are in place
 - K-12 extracurricular and co-curricular activities, community recreational sports, and college and professional sports, are included and should be coordinated with local health departments
 - School communities should regularly review plans for all extra-curricular activities and assemblies to ensure the best mitigation practices are being followed
- Communities should evaluate the source of positive tests, undertake targeted testing, quarantine, and isolate
- 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
- All business capacity must adhere to strict social distancing guidelines; curbside pickup is recommended
- Local officials may consider limiting hours for the operation of bars, nightclubs, and restaurants
- 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/20_COVID%20color%20level%20recs_2-4-21.pdf