

**PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER
PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE § 16-20-1-24**

In light of the current COVID-19 epidemic, I hereby order the following, which are necessary to contain and prevent community spread of COVID-19:

1. All K-12 schools in Marion County shall be closed effective March 16, 2020, and remain closed until April 6, 2020.
2. No public gatherings in Marion County shall include more than 50 people through April 6, 2020. Events of any size should be held only if they can be carried out with adherence to guidelines for protecting vulnerable populations, hand hygiene, and social distancing (at least six (6) feet away from other people).
 - 2.1 This order does not apply to the day-to-day operations of organizations such as schools, institutes of higher learning, or businesses.
3. Effective March 17, 2020, at 8:00 a.m., all food and beverage, including alcoholic beverage, sales are restricted to carry-out (including by drive through-window) and delivery only, to the extent permitted by law. No onsite consumption is permitted. Lines for carry-out services must provide an environment where patrons and staff maintain social distancing (at least six (6) feet away from other people) to the greatest extent possible.
 - 3.1. This order does not apply to food service in healthcare facilities or food pantries, but those facilities must implement policies to maintain social distancing (at least six (6) feet away from other people) to the greatest extent possible.
4. Effective March 17, 2020, at 8:00 a.m., all movie theaters, live performance venues, bowling alleys, arcades, and similar indoor entertainment establishments shall be closed to the public through April 6, 2020.
5. Effective March 17, 2020, at 8:00 a.m., all gyms and fitness centers shall be closed to the public through April 6, 2020.

Finally, I urge all Marion County citizens to practice social distancing, which means to avoid non-essential contact with other people and to try to maintain a minimum of six (6) feet of distance from others.

This Public Health Order is issued pursuant to Indiana Code § 16-20-1-24.

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