

# STAGE 5

SEPTEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup> - OCTOBER 17<sup>TH</sup>

## GUIDELINES FOR ALL HOOSIERS

- Face coverings are required for all Hoosiers according to Executive Order 20-43
- Maintain social distancing of 6 feet, especially in public spaces and when you are in close contact with others who are not members of your household
- Wash your hands frequently; use hand sanitizer when hand-washing is not available
- Do not go to work or other locations when you feel sick or symptomatic
- Hoosiers 65 and older and those with known high-risk medical conditions should remain vigilant about protecting their exposure to COVID
  - Limit gatherings with those outside of your household or regular social bubble
- Hoosiers who will be in contact with individuals 65 and older and those with known high-risk medical conditions should remain vigilant about exposure
  - Consider obtaining a COVID test before prolonged exposure to high-risk individuals. A COVID test before visiting may enable you to make an informed decision about contact with other persons. Do not visit if you are positive or symptomatic
  - Maintain 6 feet of social distancing indoors and outdoors and wear a mask for the protection of other individuals and yours
  - Maintain hygiene standards

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## ALL SUBJECT TO FACE COVERING REQUIREMENTS IN EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-43

- Size limitations removed for social gatherings and meetings
  - Face coverings are required
  - Social distancing of at least 6 feet is required between non-household members
  - Organizers of events that will have more than 500 people are required to submit a written plan to their local health department. See Event Plan section
- Restaurants and bars that offer food service open at full capacity
  - Bar section customers must be seated, whether at a table or counter
  - Social distancing required as a seating consideration
  - Provisions must be made so individuals, households or parties are spaced six feet apart from another individual, household or party
- Bars and nightclubs open at full capacity
  - Customers must be seated, whether at a table or counter
  - Social distancing required as a seating consideration
- Indoor and outdoor venues of all types may open at full capacity
  - Social distancing of at least 6 feet is required among non-household members, especially for indoor events where attendees may be gathered for extended time periods. The coronavirus is often spread among groups of people who are in close contact in a confined space for prolonged periods of time
  - Singing or speaking loudly, such as coaching or cheering, increases the spread of respiratory droplets and the risk for COVID-19 transmission. Please take appropriate precautions to socially distance and consider additional spacing when engaged in these activities
  - Businesses should make customers aware of the precautions they are taking to ensure safety
- Senior centers and congregate nutrition sites may reopen according to Family and Social Services Administration guidance. Detailed guidance may be found on [backontrack.in.gov](https://backontrack.in.gov) under the Industry Guidelines section.
- Personal services may resume normal operations. Face coverings and social distancing are required
- Gyms, fitness centers and workout facilities may resume normal operations. Face coverings and social distancing are required
  - Consider limitations on class sizes and spacing of equipment
  - Continue cleaning regimen after each equipment use and class
- Nursing homes and assisted living facilities are required to provide visitation opportunities. Detailed guidance may be found on [backontrack.in.gov](https://backontrack.in.gov) under the Industry Guidelines section.

## COLOR-CODED METRICS

The state of Indiana has developed a color-coded system to report on the prevalence of the coronavirus in each county. The system measures weekly cases per 100,000 residents and the 7-day all tests positivity rate. The map is updated each Wednesday at noon.

- Each county is assigned a color based on the average of scores for the two metrics
  - **BLUE** means the county has a positivity rate of less than 5 percent and less than 10 new coronavirus cases per 100,000 for the week
  - **YELLOW** means the county has a positivity rate of 5 percent to 9.9 percent and 10-99 new coronavirus cases per 100,000 for the week
  - **ORANGE** means the county has a positivity rate of 10 percent to 14.9 percent and 100-199 new cases per 100,000 for the week
  - **RED** means the county has a positivity rate of 15 percent or greater and 200 or more new cases per 100,000 for the week
- The color-coded system was developed to assist schools with decision-making about operations based on the level of coronavirus in their counties. Communities should use the color-coded system to make decisions about their businesses, community and social activities
  - **BLUE** – There is minimal community spread and activities are recommended to continue at current levels
  - **YELLOW** – There is moderate community spread and increased awareness and safety vigilance should be taken
  - **ORANGE** – There is high community spread
  - **RED** – There is very high community spread

When a community reaches YELLOW, communities should begin to consider if local restrictions should be put into place. If a county reaches ORANGE or RED status, the state Department of Health will consult with local health officials about reasons for the higher percentages and make recommendations about steps that should be taken locally to reduce positivity and slow the spread of coronavirus.

- The county map may be found on the coronavirus dashboard on the state Department of Health website at [www.coronavirus.in.gov](http://www.coronavirus.in.gov)
- School recommendations may be found at [https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/files/COVID-19-Schools\\_color%20level%20recommendations.pdf](https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/files/COVID-19-Schools_color%20level%20recommendations.pdf)

### EVENT REQUIREMENTS

#### SIZE LIMITATIONS ARE REMOVED FOR SOCIAL GATHERINGS AND MEETINGS

- A social gathering or meeting is an event, assembly, or convening that brings together multiple people, individually or from separate households, in a single space, indoors or outdoors, at the same time and in a coordinated fashion where a significant purpose is to interact with others – such as a wedding, family reunion, party, barbecue, picnic, club, banquet or conference
- Attendees at any such gathering or meeting are required:
  - To wear a face covering in public spaces
  - To be seated 6 feet apart from persons who are not in the same household or cohort
  - Provide hand sanitizer or hand-washing areas
- Those 65 and older and those who are medically high risk should not attend; those who do should be extremely cautious as they are particularly susceptible to death from COVID-19
- Those who are sick, symptomatic or have tested positive for COVID-19 should not attend

#### SPECIAL OR SEASONAL EVENTS

- A special or seasonal event is an event, assembly, or convening of multiple people from separate households in a single space, indoors or outdoors, at the same time but where the significant purpose is not necessarily for the purpose of individuals interacting with others outside of one's household – such as a concert, movie-in-the-park, fair, festival, carnival, parade, ceremony, community holiday celebration, convention, fundraiser, sport or racing competition, outdoor show, and other outdoor entertainment events
- Special or seasonal events for which total attendance will be in excess of 500 are required to submit an event plan to local health officials
  - This requirement will enable local health officials to know about large events that have higher risk potential for the spread of COVID-19 and better enable initiation of contact tracing

### EVENT PLANS

When more than 500 people will attend a special or seasonal event:

- a. Event organizers must develop and submit to the local health department a written plan outlining the steps that will be taken to mitigate against COVID-19. Each plan must include:
  - Guest Information – identifying the appropriate information to be provided to guests to stay home if sick or part of a vulnerable population, engage in social distancing, increase handwashing, etc.
  - Staff & Volunteer Screening – identifying measures to be taken to appropriately screen staff and volunteers for COVID-19 symptoms
  - Social Distancing Measures – identifying measures to be employed to ensure attendees engage in social distancing such as use of multiple entrances, designated seating, one-way flow of attendees, ground markings, distance between seating/tables, etc.
  - Increased Sanitation – outlining steps to be taken to ensure the event space is appropriately cleaned and sanitized, that high touch areas have increased cleaning, and that additional handwashing or hand sanitizing is available
  - Face Coverings – identifying face coverings will be required and the measures to be taken to ensure coverings are worn
  - Compliance – identifying the number of event staff or volunteers who will be available and sufficient to monitor and ensure compliance with the approved plan
- b. If the event is in a county where the coronavirus status is orange or red, the event host should consider limiting attendance or taking other precautions.
- c. Monitoring & Enforcement – event planners must have sufficient event staff or volunteers present during the event to monitor and ensure compliance with the plan and other Executive Order directives.
- d. Plan Submission Timeline –
  - Plans must be submitted 14 days in advance of the event
- e. Local health departments may request adjustments.

### EVENTS NOT COVERED

- An event plan is not required for school classrooms; areas where people may be in transit, such as an airport; businesses, offices, retail stores, and restaurants where people are working, shopping, or eating in the same general area but are not gathering together in an organized fashion. Religious services are excluded. These activities are subject to other requirements, including mandatory face coverings and social distancing