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With the release of Governor Holcomb's Back on Track Indiana plan, the Tippecanoe County Health Department would like to remind residents of the importance of continued vigilance as our community faces the challenges posed by COVID-19.

With the ongoing easing of restrictions, it is vital to remember the projected surge of COVID-19 in Tippecanoe County is still expected to occur over the next two weeks. To continue preventing the transmission of COVID-19, it is critically important that the following measures be followed:

- 1) During Stage 2 of Governor Holcomb's plan, gatherings are limited to 25 people, provided social distancing practices are followed.
- 2) Individuals 65 years of age and older and those with high-risk health conditions should remain at home whenever possible.
- 3) When in public everyone should continue to maintain a six feet distance.
- 4) Everyone should wear facemasks when in public settings and avoid touching their faces.
- 5) Everyone should frequently wash or sanitize their hands and disinfect high-touch surfaces.
- 6) Businesses that are reopening should modify operations and their workplace environments to optimize social distancing and protect customers and employees per the Tippecanoe County Health Department's previously issued directives for essential businesses. These directives can be found at: <https://www.tippecanoe.in.gov/971/COVID-19-aka-CORONA-VIRUS>
- 7) Businesses need to establish plans to regulate customer capacity at 50% (or 25% in mall common areas).

It is absolutely necessary that all of us continue take a smart, careful, and common sense approach to combating COVID-19. As the state and our community begin to reopen, it may be tempting to think the COVID-19 pandemic is behind us. Unfortunately, it is not. We don't want to let our guard down now

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and endanger ourselves or others. The Health Department urges everyone to continue taking necessary precautions. Let's not undo everything our community has accomplished to lessen the impact of COVID-19 on our community.

The Tippecanoe County Health Department is currently reviewing its order pertaining to community events and will provide an update about this order in the near future.

The Health Department will continue to monitor the rate of COVID-19 infections in Tippecanoe County and may issue additional requirements if necessary.

Governor Holcomb's complete Back on Track Indiana plan and guidance for businesses and churches can be found at:

<https://backontrack.in.gov/>