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## **HEALTH OFFICER'S ORDER – SOCIAL GATHERINGS EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 4, 2020**

This Health Officer's Order is issued pursuant to authority provided to a local health officer pursuant to Indiana law, including I.C. 16-20-1-1 et seq and is as follows:

WHEREAS, in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the recent increase of new cases locally, statewide, and nationwide, and evidence that social gatherings create a significant risk of infection and transmission of COVID-19, and

WHEREAS, Eric J. Holcomb as Governor of Indiana in his Executive Order 20-37 (Face Covering Requirement) recognized the expected public health benefits of face coverings, and

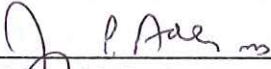
WHEREAS, Eric J. Holcomb as Governor of Indiana in his Executive Order 20-43 advanced the state to Stage 5 but continuing data indicates the need to maintain restrictions imposed by prior Executive Orders, and

WHEREAS, the Tippecanoe County Board of Health, at its meeting held August 5, 2020, authorized the Tippecanoe County Health Officer to take action as considered appropriate to help protect public health,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT beginning November 4, 2020 this Health Officer's Order shall be in force in Tippecanoe County, Indiana:

1. For the purposes of this order, a social gathering is a meeting, event, assembly, or convening that brings together multiple people from separate households in a single space, indoors or outdoors, at the same time and in a coordinated fashion.
2. This order does not apply to school classrooms or in-school assemblies; settings in which people are in the same general space at the same time but doing separate activities, like medical offices, hospitals, or business environments such as offices or factories; internal meetings solely among employees of a single business; retail stores and restaurants where people may be working, shopping, or eating in the same general area but are not gathering together in an organized fashion. Religious services are excluded from this order, but religious organizations are advised to follow the Tippecanoe County Health Department's previously issued Recommendations for Churches, Faith Communities, and Places of Worship.

3. The Tippecanoe County Health Department advises caution and careful planning for social gatherings of any size involving people from separate households. Face coverings are required per Governor Holcomb's Executive Order 20-43 and social distancing of six feet should be maintained between people not from the same household.
4. Social gatherings are limited to 100 people unless approved by the Tippecanoe County Health Department.
5. For social gatherings involving more than 100 people, event organizers must develop and submit to the Tippecanoe County Health Department a written plan *at least 7 days in advance of the event* outlining the steps to be taken to mitigate against COVID-19. Each plan must address the following:
  - a) Planned Capacity – provide the planned number of people attending and outline steps that will be taken to ensure social distancing can be achieved with the planned capacity.
  - b) Guest Information – provide appropriate information to guests to stay home if sick or part of a vulnerable population, engage in social distancing, wear face coverings, and increase handwashing. Use signage and other tools to make guests aware of COVID precautions.
  - c) Staff & Volunteer Screening – identify measures that will be taken to appropriately screen staff and volunteers for COVID-19 symptoms. Use questionnaires, take temperatures, or both.
  - d) Social Distancing Measures – identify measures that will be employed to ensure attendees engage in social distancing such as one-way flow of attendees, ground markings, or seat markings.
  - e) Increased Sanitation – provide steps that will be taken to ensure the event space is appropriately cleaned and sanitized, that high touch areas have increased cleaning, and additional handwashing or hand sanitizing is available.
  - f) Face Coverings – face coverings are required.
  - g) Compliance – identify event staff or volunteers who will monitor and ensure compliance with the approved plan.
6. This Order applies on property owned by Ivy Tech and Purdue University, as long as adopted by their required authorities, but does not apply on other Indiana-owned property. Ivy Tech and Purdue University have the legal authority to impose even stricter requirements than are imposed here.
7. This Order supplements the Health Officer Order regarding restaurants and bars issued on September 30, 2020 and shall be in effect until modified or rescinded.

  
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Tippecanoe County Health Officer

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10/28/2020  
Date