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TIPPECANOE COUNTY INDIANA **WEDNESDAY MARCH 31, 2021**: COVID-19

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With the upcoming discontinuation of the Governor's statewide mask mandate, the Tippecanoe County Health Department is strongly recommending that everyone older than two years of age continue to wear face coverings in businesses, indoor public spaces, outdoor spaces where social distancing of at least six feet between people from different households is not maintained, and while using public transportation.

The use of face coverings is critical to prevent disease and save lives. Until a greater number of people are vaccinated against COVID-19, it is important to continue essential preventive measures, such as

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face coverings, social distancing, frequent hand washing, avoiding crowds, and staying home when sick.

In addition, the Health Department is recommending that businesses and organizations require staff and customers/clients to wear face coverings. Updated recommendations for businesses, events, and religious organizations can be found on the Tippecanoe County Health Department website.

Beginning April 6, the Health Officer's order pertaining to restaurants and bars will be amended to allow *up to 100% capacity indoors and outdoors provided that social distancing of 6 feet is maintained.* While capacity limits will no longer be based on a percentage of overall occupancy, seating must be arranged and maintained so that individuals, households, and parties are spaced at least 6 feet apart from any other individual, household, or party. Due to face coverings not being worn while eating and drinking, it is necessary to maintain social distancing in restaurants and bars to reduce COVID-19 transmission. In addition, dance floors will be permitted but establishments should limit dance floor capacity to optimize social distancing.

The Tippecanoe County Health Department will continue to monitor local COVID-19 cases and modify orders and recommendations accordingly.

The amended order can be found on the Tippecanoe County Health Department website.