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COVID-19 Update

The Fulton County Health Department urges Fulton County residents to practice the following:

- **Maintain social distancing.**
  - Maintain at least six (6) feet between separation distance between yourself and others.
  - **Stay home if ill**
- **Wash your hands frequently and properly, cover your cough, and cover your nose when sneezing.**
  - Wash hands often, for at least 20 seconds, with soap and water.
  - Cover your cough with your sleeve.
  - Cover your nose with your sleeve or a tissue when sneezing.
- **Social gatherings of any kind, indoors or outside, are limited to 50 people or less.**
- **Do NOT hold large in person Holiday gatherings or events.**
  - Limit attendance.
  - Hold gatherings or events in outdoor areas.
  - Hold gatherings or events in areas where social distancing of six (6) feet can be maintained.
- **Wear face coverings.**
  - Wear face coverings over the nose and mouth when entering and in an enclosed public space or business.
  - Wearing a face covering does **NOT** eliminate social distancing.
- **Restaurants, Bars, Taverns, Nightclubs and Other Establishments Providing In-Person Food and Drink Services.**
  - All patrons must remain seated while consuming food and/or drink or when otherwise remaining on the premises.
  - Seating must be arranged and maintained so individuals, households, or parties are spaced at least six (6) feet apart from any other individual, household or party.
- **Avoid activities that further the spread of this virus.**

- **Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces and wash your hands immediately after cleaning.**

Following these practices may help reduce the spread of this virus in the County. The Fulton County Health Department appreciates the community's cooperation in these endeavors.

### **Fulton County:**

## **FULTON COUNTY HAS BEEN PLACED UNDER AN ORANGE STATUS.**

The State has implemented a color-coded system to inform Hoosiers about the status of COVID-19 in each county and across Indiana. Fulton County has been placed by the State under an Orange category. As such, spread of COVID-19 within Fulton County is approaching high levels and the county has a point score of 2.0 to 2.5 when the percent of positivity and new cases per 100,000 residents is combined. The requirements provided below are in effect when a county reaches the Orange metric and will remain in effect until the county moves to yellow or blue for two straight weeks.

Individuals and businesses in counties designated as Orange must comply with all the general requirements set forth in Executive Order 20-48.

Social gatherings whether indoors or outdoors in counties designated as Orange are limited to a total of 50 individuals, provided social distancing requirements can be achieved and maintained, face coverings are worn, and other sanitation measures are implemented at the site where the gathering occurs. It is recommended that social gatherings be cancelled or postponed.

Events held in counties designated as Orange are limited to 50 individuals. An event includes, but is not limited to, conferences, conventions, sport or racing competitions (including collegiate and professional sports), extracurricular school events, concerts, shows, fairs, festivals, carnivals, parades, community holiday celebrations, fundraisers or other entertainment events.

Beginning on November 22, 2020, any social gathering or event where the total number of individuals invited, requested, or expected to be in attendance will exceed the number permitted based on a county's color code, must submit an event safety plan to the local health department at least seven (7) days in advance of the event and receive approval from the local health department before proceeding. Information regarding what must be included in an event safety plan can be found in Executive Order 20-48.

Businesses should reduce the number of employees and personnel permitted to congregate in common areas or break rooms and should take additional measures to ensure social distancing is achieved in these areas.

Attendance at winter indoor K-12 extracurricular and co-curricular activities, including IHSAA sport events, is limited to 25% capacity and additional measures should be taken to ensure all non-family/household groups are and remain socially distanced. All non-competing and non-

performing participants, support personnel and attendees are required to wear face coverings at all times, while attending such events.

IHSAA football games on Friday, November 20, 2020, may continue utilizing IHSAA guidance that requires local health departments and communities to determine stadium capacity. The IHSAA will work with the Marion County health department on a limited spectator plan for state championship games at Lucas Oil Stadium

Community recreational sports leagues and tournaments may continue with attendance limited to participants, required personnel and parents/guardians only.

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