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INDIANA WILL REMAIN IN STAGE 5 FOR ANOTHER 30 DAYS

Governor Holcomb announced today that Indiana will remain in stage 5 of the Back On Track Indiana plan until November 14, 2020. This includes an extension of the Governor's mask order.

Per Governor Holcomb's Executive Order, face coverings are still required when inside a business, public building, or other indoor public space and while outdoors when social distancing is not possible. People still need to maintain social distancing, increased hand washing and sanitation, and no one should go to work, school, or out in public if they are feeling sick. Stores, malls, restaurants, bars, gyms, raceways, and personal services can remain open at full capacity but must maintain social distancing and face covering requirements. Organizers of events that will include more than 500 people must submit a written plan for approval by the local health department.

Marshall County Health Officer, Dr. Byron Holm, MD, recently issued the recommendation that Long-term care facilities cease patient visitation with facility residents across Marshall County. Protection of our most vulnerable population is of utmost importance at this time. While we understand this is difficult for the residents and their families, it is necessary to keep facilities, residents, and staff safe during this pandemic. This recommendation will be in place until rescinded by the Health Officer.

Monitoring of our county's positive COVID-19 cases, rate of positivity, and community spread will continue daily by Dr. Holm, MD, and the Marshall County Health Department. As Governor Holcomb stated during his press conference today, "It is our behavior and our actions that must be addressed". Everyone needs to be personally responsible and flexible in the way they go about their daily lives. There will be no victory over the coronavirus pandemic without a sustained, documented decline in the number of positive cases.

We will continue to provide updates as changes occur. Please follow our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/MarshallCountyHD/> or go to the Indiana State Department of Health's website at www.isdh.in.gov/coronavirus for up-to-date information on COVID-19.

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