

**Disaster Emergency Declaration
2020-11**

Delaware County, Indiana

- WHEREAS,** the President of the United States, on March 13, 2020, has declared a nationwide emergency concerning the spread of COVID-19 viral infections, and
- WHEREAS,** the Governor of the State of Indiana, on March 16, 2020, has made an emergency declaration in response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) disease epidemic; and
- WHEREAS,** the County Health Officer has determined that certain measures should be put into place to lessen the potential spread of the COVID-19 virus including the closing of some local businesses; and
- WHEREAS,** pursuant to I. C. 10-14-3-29(a) the Board of Commissioners of Delaware County, IN hereby makes a local disaster emergency declaration; and
- WHEREAS,** the Governor has adopted Executive Orders 20-25 and 20-26 as map for continued protection from the COVID-19 threat as well as a map of reopening the State and County; and
- WHEREAS,** the Board of Commissioners of Delaware County, Indiana have determined that in response to the emergency believes that the Governor's order should be made a part of the County's Emergency Declaration for consistency and continuity and that the Emergency Declaration of May 8, 2020 should be extended.

NOW THEREFORE WE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF DELAWARE COUNTY, INDIANA HEREBY DECLARE THAT:

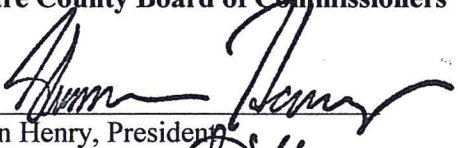
1. A local disaster emergency continues to exist in the County and that we hereby invoke and declare those portions of the Indiana Code which are applicable to the conditions and have caused the issuance of this proclamation, to be in full force and effect in the entire County, including incorporated areas for the exercise of all necessary emergency authority for protection of the lives and property of the people of this County and the restoration of local government with a minimum of interruption. **This Emergency Order is effective immediately and shall be in place until the end of business June 1, 2020.**
2. The Board of Commissioners adopt the Governor's Executive Order 20-26 in whole as part of their emergency declaration and plan to return to get back on track.

3. The County government shall continue to operate, but commencing on May 11, 2020 the elected officials and department heads shall commence operation pursuant to the office holder's plan for scheduling and operations. Members of the public shall contact the office and make an appointment with the office before entering the County Building and Justice Center. All employees and members of the public that will meet in person shall maintain a social distance of at least 6 feet between individuals at all times and shall be required to wear a face mask or other covering which covers the person's mouth and nose during their business in the County Building. All county employees shall be required to wear a mask or face covering their nose and mouth when interacting with the public and when not at their desk.
4. Commencing on May 26, 2020 the public may enter the County Building and Justice Center under certain rules and restrictions. There shall be a limit on the number of members of the public that shall be permitted to access the County Building or Justice Center. No more than 25 members of the public per floor may be allowed to enter the County Building and occupy the building at any time. There shall be a limit of 25 people allowed in the Justice Center to conduct business, excluding staff, lawyers and litigants. Those members of the public that exceed the limit in either the Justice Center or County Building will be required to wait outside of the building following proper social distancing requirements of at least 6 feet intervals. All members of the public that conduct business in any county building or facility shall maintain a social distance of at least 6 feet between individuals at all times and shall be required to wear a face mask or other covering which covers the person's mouth and nose during their business in the County Building. Any person that refuses to wear a mask or face covering prior to entering or during their occupancy of the county building or facility shall be either refused entry or asked to leave immediately.
5. The Governor's Executive Order 20-25 is incorporated by reference and made a part of this Emergency Declaration.

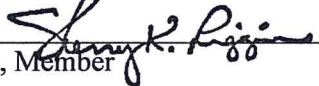
6. In instances where an individual must visit a retail business, the business shall follow the proper social distancing requirements in Executive Order 20-26 and the guidelines from the Center for Disease Control (CDC).
7. All individuals are encouraged and should wear masks when going out to essential businesses, grocery stores or outside of their residence for any essential purpose.
8. This Emergency Declaration shall supersede and replace all prior Emergency Declarations made the by Board of Commissioners prior to this Emergency Order.
9. The Commissioners determine that all government operations are essential as the government operations from March 23, 2020 to the present and all essential governmental functions are operating and available to the public through remote or electronic access, as needed.
10. Violations of this order will be turned over to the Governor's Enforcement Response Team as setforth in Executive Order 20-26 for investigation and enforcement.
11. This Emergency Order shall remain valid for a period of fifteen (15) days from the date that this Emergency order was adopted by the Board of Commissioners.

In witness, whereof, we have hereunto set our hand this 18th day of May 2020 at 9:00 a.m. o'clock

Delaware County Board of Commissioners


Shannon Henry, President


James King, Vice President


Sherry Riggins, Member

Attest:


Steven G. Craycraft, County Auditor