

**Disaster Emergency Declaration
2020-16**

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 through 20-42 as map for continued protection from the COVID-19 threat as well as a map of reopening the State and County; and
- WHEREAS,** the Governor has extended the current declaration of a public health emergency in Executive Order 20-42 to September 25, 2020; 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 should be extended.

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

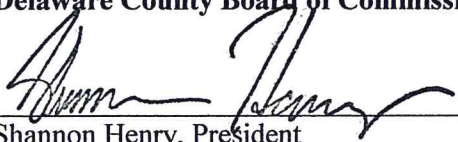
1. A local public health disaster continues to exist in the County and that we hereby invoke and declare those portions of the Indiana Code which are applicable to the conditions and have caused the issuance of this proclamation, to be in full force and effect in the entire County, including incorporated 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 September 25, 2020.**
2. The Board of Commissioners adopt the Governor's Executive Order 20-32 through 20-42 in whole as part of their emergency declaration and plan to return to get back on track.

3. 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. Employees shall be required to wear face coverings in all public areas of county facilities, in areas where the employee cannot maintain a social distance of 6 feet between another employee or a member of the public or where the employee has existing underlying health conditions prohibits wearing a face covering. Member of the public are required to wear a face mask or other covering which covers the person's mouth and nose during their business in the County Building unless the member of public prohibits a face covering because of an underlying health condition prohibits wearing a face covering.
4. The Governor's Executive Orders 20-32, 33, 34, 35,36, 37, 38, 39, 41 and 42 are incorporated by reference and made a part of this Emergency Declaration.
5. In instances where an individual must visit a retail business, the business shall follow the proper social distancing requirements in Executive Order 20-32 and the guidelines from the Center for Disease Control (CDC).
6. Those residents that are 65 and older and those with known high-risk health conditions should adhere to social distancing requirements and be cautious at work and in their communities.
7. Residents that have symptoms, may have been exposed, have high-risk health conditions as well as others that desire peace of mind are encouraged to be tested for COVID-19 at the local facilities.
8. Social gatherings of up to 250 people may take place following CDC recommended social distancing guidelines.
9. Any gathering of more than 250 people must first get the approval of the Delaware County Health Department as per Executive Order 20-36.
10. The Stage 4.5 guidelines for the State of Indiana are implemented for Delaware County, IN.

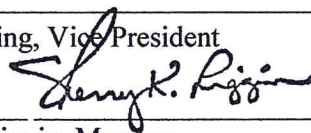
11. All individuals are encouraged to wear masks when going out to businesses, grocery stores or outside of their residence for any essential purpose.
12. This Emergency Declaration shall supersede and replace all prior Emergency Declarations made the by Board of Commissioners prior to this Emergency Order.
13. 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.
14. 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.
15. This Emergency Order shall remain valid until September 2, 2020.


In witness, whereof, we have hereunto set our hand this 2nd day of September, 2020.

Delaware County Board of Commissioners


Shannon Henry, President

James King, Vice President


Sherry Riggin, Member


Attest: _____
Steven G. Craycraft, County Auditor