



CONSOLIDATED CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS
COUNTY OF MARION
STATE OF INDIANA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 10, 2020

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WHEREAS, the local disaster emergency declaration and watch-level travel advisory addressed in Executive Order No. 5, 2020 has now expired;

WHEREAS, the State of Indiana's statewide disaster declaration under Indiana Code § 10-14-3-12 remains in effect;

WHEREAS, Indiana Code § 10-14-3-29.5 grants me authority to issue a watch-level local travel advisory without a new local disaster emergency declaration (unlike a warning-level travel emergency, which Indiana Code § 10-14-3-29.5(c) permits only after a local disaster emergency declaration under Indiana Code § 10-14-3-29);

WHEREAS, a watch-level local travel advisory means conditions are threatening to the safety of the public;

WHEREAS, only essential travel, such as to and from work or in emergency situations, is recommended during a watch-level travel advisory, and emergency action plans should be implemented by businesses, schools, government agencies, and other organizations;

THEREFORE, under the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Consolidated City of Indianapolis and Marion County and Chief Executive of Marion County by state law and local ordinance, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

1. I hereby order a **watch-level local travel advisory** for Marion County. This advisory will remain in effect until a subsequent executive order lifts it.
2. Under this advisory, it is recommended that you avoid all non-essential travel. Travel is considered non-essential unless it falls into one of the following categories:
 - a. Necessary travel relating to (i) buying groceries, food, and beverages; (ii) buying medicine or other items necessary to maintain health while remaining at home; (iii) buying products necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operations of the home, including essential automobile supplies; (iv) health-care purposes, including visiting a doctor's office, hospital, health clinic, dentist, mental-health provider or therapist, or other health-care professional; (v) buying materials necessary for working at home; (vi) volunteering at a food bank, food pantry, homeless shelter, or other organization serving vulnerable members of the community, including an animal shelter; (vii) giving blood; (viii) visiting, caring for, or providing food or other essentials to a family member, vulnerable or at-risk person, or pet; (ix) travel required by law enforcement or court order; (x) receiving materials for distance learning, meals, or other essential items from a school or other place of learning.

- b. Travel for outdoor activities like going for a walk or visiting a park— provided that those activities observe Centers for Disease Control guidance on appropriate social distancing (including maintaining six feet of separation from others).
 - c. Travel to businesses or activities permitted to be open by operative Marion County Public Health Department orders.
 - i. Should the State of Indiana issue any order that is **more restrictive** on travel or business operations than the operative Marion County Public Health Department orders, the State’s order shall control.
 - ii. Should the State of Indiana issue any order that is **less restrictive** on travel or business operations than the operative Marion County Public Health Department orders, the local health-department order shall be the controlling order within Marion County unless expressly preempted by a State order.
 - d. Travel for an employee who performs minimum basic operations for a closed business, where minimum basic operations are defined as either: (i) the minimum necessary activities to maintain the value of the business’s inventory, preserve the condition of its physical plant and equipment, ensure security, process payroll and employee benefits, or for related functions; or (ii) the minimum necessary activities to facilitate employees of the business being able to continue to work remotely from their residences.
3. Anyone engaging in travel outside the home should observe all local health orders and guidance issued by the Marion County Public Health Department, including but not limited to guidance on appropriate social distancing (maintaining at least six feet of separation from others), wearing face coverings over the nose and mouth in public places, and observing responsible hygiene practices to help limit the spread of disease (frequent hand washing for at least 20 seconds, covering all coughs and sneezes, and disinfecting frequently used surfaces).
4. Any employer in Indianapolis and Marion County permitted to operate under operative Marion County Public Health Department orders is strongly encouraged to allow for teleworking arrangements to the maximum extent possible to minimize the amount of necessary work travel. Likewise, those businesses must comply with any social-distancing and other requirements imposed by the Marion County Public Health Department.

5. All individuals in high-risk populations – including the elderly and those with chronic medical conditions like heart disease, diabetes, or lung disease – are strongly encouraged to avoid all public gatherings and to minimize all travel to the maximum extent possible.
6. Marion County residents unable to self-isolate because they are experiencing homelessness should take all social-distancing measures possible to protect their health and safety.

Date: June 15, 2020

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AND MARION COUNTY, INDIANA



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