

MARSHALL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER NO. 01-2020

COVID-19 is directly impacting the health and safety of Marshall County residents. Marshall County is experiencing record numbers of positive cases of COVID-19 and an alarming increase in related deaths. In order to protect public health, restrictions must be established to help curb the spread of COVID-19.

Per Governor Holcomb's Executive Order 20-36, county officials are permitted to impose more stringent requirements than in Executive Orders 20-32, 20-35 & 20-36. As the Marshall County Public Health Authority and pursuant to the authority granted in Indiana Codes 16-20-01 et seq. and 16-41-9 et seq., Public Health Officer Dr. Byron Holm, MD, Orders the following, effective July 20, 2020 at 12:01 AM:

Face Covering Mandate

Every individual must properly wear a face covering over their nose and mouth when they are at:

1. An indoor area open to the public;
2. An outdoor public area at any time when a distance of 6 feet from individuals outside of their household cannot be maintained;
3. A private indoor or outdoor area where a distance of 6 feet from individuals outside of their household cannot be maintained.

Exceptions to the Face Covering Mandate

1. Any child age two years or less (a face covering may cause such a child to suffocate);
2. Any individual with a physical disability that prevents easily wearing or removing a face covering;
3. Any individual who is deaf and must remove the face covering to use facial and mouth movements as a part of their communication;
4. Any individual with medical documentation that wearing a face covering poses a health risk;
5. Any individual who has trouble breathing or is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the face covering without assistance;
6. Any individual who is directed to remove a face covering by a law enforcement officer;
7. Any employee engaged in a work-related activity where a face covering would serve to present or exacerbate a hazard as recognized by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration;
8. Any restaurant or bar customer while they are dining; And
9. Any individual who (1) is not in an area open to the public and (2) can maintain at least 6 feet from all other individuals not residing in his or her household.

Business and Employer Requirements

Every business and employer in Marshall County must take the following steps to ensure that all employees and visitors of the entity comply with this Order:

1. All employers in Marshall County must amend their operations plan to require all employees and visitor to wear face covering in accordance with this Order.
2. All businesses must post the English and Spanish version of the order at each entrance.
3. All business must continue to follow the Executive Ord of the Governor and any other Orders issued by the State or Local Officials. This includes but is not limited to, maintaining social distancing (at least 6 feet of separation) and sanitation requirements.

Intent and Use of this Order

The intent of this Order is to mandate that all people in Marshall County, whether engaged in work activities, social activities, or everyday activities, wear a face covering, as outlined herein, to prevent the spread of COVID-19. This Order is necessary to slow the spread of COVID-19 throughout Marshall County and to protect public health.

1. Nothing in this order reduces or eliminates the requirements imposed by the Executive Orders of Governor Holcomb or imposed by any Directive or Order from the local health officer, Governor, or other regulatory local, state, or federal agency.
2. This Order should be used to educate, encourage, and persuade individuals to wear face coverings as part of their personal responsibility to keep themselves and others protected from transmission of COVID-19.
3. Use of a face covering does not replace the need to take the additional necessary protective measures set forth below.

Additional Necessary Protective Measures

Use of a face covering as mandated by this Order does not replace the need for all Marshall County employers, residents, and visitors to take additional necessary protective measures to protect against the spread of COVID-19. To keep Marshall County working, to keep activities open, and to keep ourselves healthy, everyone should maintain the following basic protective measures:

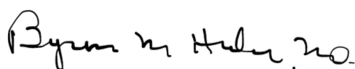
1. Wash your hands frequently during the day for 20 seconds with soap and water, and if this is not available, use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
2. Maintain a minimum distance of 6 feet between yourself and individuals outside of your household.
3. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
4. Stay home and isolate yourself from other members of your household if you are sick.
5. Avoid being around sick people.
6. Clean frequently touched surfaces often.
7. Sneeze and cough in the inside of your elbow or in a tissue.

Scope and Duration

This order is given in conjunction with the Executive Orders released by Governor Holcomb for the safety of our State and local community and will remain in effect until rescinded by the Marshall County Public Health Officer. Compliance with this Order is not required to the extent necessary to comply with any federal, state, or local laws, rules, and regulations.

This Order goes into effect at 12:01 am on July 20, 2020. This Order remains in effect until rescinded by the Marshall County Health Officer, Dr. Byron Holm M.D.

Signed and issued on July 17, 2020, in Marshall County, Indiana.



7/17/2020

Dr. Byron Holm M.D. Marshall County Health Officer