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Grant County Emergency Operations Center

COVID-19 Response / Planning

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0900 Daily Briefing;

The Grant County Health Department has reported **159, confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 13 deaths** in Grant County.

The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) has identified 21,033 total presumptive positive cases of COVID-19 and 1,213 deaths and 115,834 tests in the state of Indiana.

As our local officials continue to work on plans to re-open the community and assist business in the process It is still highly recommended that Hoosiers 65 and over and those with high-risk health conditions remain at home whenever possible. This is the population that is most vulnerable to the coronavirus. Some “experts” are predicting the death toll to rise sharply between now and the month of August. Think of the people you know and love that are in this group, and continue to wear your mask to protect them.

Business assistance for re-opening in stage 2;

The Marion-Grant County Chamber of Commerce has developed a list of resources and best practices to assist businesses re-opening with modified restrictions still in place a link is provided below.

<https://www.marionchamber.org/covid-19-resources-info/#sbsa>

Employment opportunities;

The Marion-Grant County Chamber of Commerce along with the Grant County Economic Growth Council and WorkOne has jointly developed a website to assist anyone looking for work opportunities. The jointly operated website is; <https://www.grantcounty.com/covid19-workforce-recovery-jobs>

Food Distributions;

Marion Community Schools will be conducting a food distribution tomorrow Wednesday May 6th, from 4 to 6 PM. Mississinewa and Madison-Grant have food distributions scheduled as well.

Grant County EMA/DHS – “Training to Serve – Serving to Protect”

Below are some of the details for Stage 2 of the Governors 5 stage road map to re-open the state of Indiana;

Stage 2 Beginning May 4th

GUIDELINES FOR ALL HOOSIERS • Hoosiers 65 and over and those with high-risk health conditions should remain at home whenever possible. This is the population that is most vulnerable to the coronavirus

- Recommend that residents wear face coverings in public settings. Residents also should continue to practice social distancing and good hygiene
- Social gatherings of 25 people may take place following the CDC social distancing guidelines. The coronavirus is often spread among groups of people who are in close contact in a confined space for an extended period of time. This limit applies to such events as wedding receptions, birthday parties, Mother’s Day gatherings, and others where people are in close physical contact for extended periods of time
- Essential travel restrictions are lifted; local non-essential travel allowed
- Continue remote work whenever possible

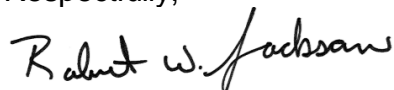
RELIGIOUS SERVICES – MAY 8 • Religious services may convene inside places of worship. There are specific practices that should be considered for in-person services that are driven by social distancing guidelines and protections for those 65 and older and individuals with known high-risk medical conditions. Examples of services include weddings, funerals, and baptisms. See the Revised Guidance for Places of Worship for more complete details

WHAT OPENS • Manufacturers, industrial operations, and other infrastructure that has not been in operation may open following OSHA and CDC guidelines. General guidance for these industries may be found in this document

- About half of the state’s Bureau of Motor Vehicle branches will open with services by appointment only; the remainder of branches will continue to open over the next two weeks
- Public libraries may open according to their own policies and CDC guidelines

If you have health questions related to the COVID-19 virus MGH has a specific call number you can call. The number is 765-660-6999.

Respectfully,



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