

PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER
ALLEN COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER
February 5, 2021

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, and pursuant to the authority granted in Governor Eric Holcomb's Executive Order 21-02 issued January 28, 2021, and the authority granted by I.C. 16-41-9-1.6 and 16-20-1-24, I, the Allen County, Indiana, Health Officer ORDER the following local restrictions for Allen County, Indiana, which are in addition to those set forth in Executive Order 21-02. The definitions and provisions of Executive Order 21-02 are incorporated here in their entirety by reference. This Order shall become effective at 12:00 AM on February 8, 2021, and shall expire at 11:59 PM on February 28, 2021, unless superseded by a later Executive Order issued by Governor Holcomb or rescinded by the Health Officer.

1. Social Gatherings and Events

Social Gatherings and Events are specific categories of human interactions defined in Executive Order 21-02. While there are establishments and facilities that tend to host a majority of non-residential Social Gatherings and Events, i.e. banquet and event halls, conference centers, etc., the Health Officer and Allen County Health Department do not interpret the provisions of the Governor's Executive Order pertaining to Social Gatherings and Events to be exclusive to those establishments or facilities. All facilities or individuals that host Social Gatherings and Events, including, but not limited to, entertainment venues, sports venues, schools, restaurants, bars, taverns, nightclubs, and other establishments providing in-person food and drink service, shall, pursuant to Executive Order 21-02, follow the provisions and restrictions for Social Gatherings and Events.

Pursuant to Executive Order 21-02, the Allen County Health Department will accept and approve plans for Social Gatherings or Events at which attendance is expected to surpass the limits set forth in Executive Order 21-02, Paragraph 7.c.i upon submission to the Allen County Health Department of a safety plan submitted five (5) days in advance of the event and submitted with the Allen County Health Department COVID-19 Gathering and Events Plan Review Submission cover sheet indicating that the host will comply with the following safety provisions:

- a. Capacity. The cover sheet must identify the overall capacity limit for the venue, the percentage and corresponding number of guests allowed under the county's current color code, and the number of persons expected to be present (attendees, staff, and others).
- b. Guest information. Guests must be provided with information indicating that they should stay home if sick or part of a vulnerable population, engage in social distancing, increase handwashing, etc.
- c. Measures must be taken to appropriately screen staff and volunteers for COVID-19 symptoms.

- d. Measures must be taken to ensure attendees engage in social distancing such as use of multiple entrances, designated seating, one-way flow of attendees, ground markings, distance between seating/tables, etc.
 - e. Measures must be taken to ensure the event space is appropriately cleaned and sanitized, that high touch areas have increased cleaning, and that additional handwashing or hand sanitizing is available.
 - f. Measures must be taken to ensure that face coverings are required of attendees and that they are actually being worn by attendees, unless subject to an exemption.
 - g. Measures must be taken to ensure that a sufficient number of event staff or volunteers are present to monitor the sports event and to ensure compliance with approved plan.
2. Restaurants, Bars, Taverns, Nightclubs and Other Establishments Providing In-Person Food and Drink Service

During any period of time in which Allen County is designated as Red under Executive Order 21-02, the following additional restrictions applicable to restaurants, bars, taverns, nightclubs, and other establishments providing in-person food and drink service are hereby ORDERED.

- a. Capacity is limited to 75% of indoor capacity and 100% of outdoor capacity. All seating must be spaced such that individuals will be at least six (6) feet away from individuals seated at other tables and all other requirements of Executive Order 21-02 must be adhered to. Outdoor tent seating is permitted only if the tent has at least two (2) open-air sides for maximum ventilation and as long as it is approved by any other local regulatory authority which governs tents (such as the Allen County Building Department).
 - b. These establishments must be closed and cleared of customers between the hours of 12:00 AM and 5:00 AM.
 - c. Bar seating is permitted in accordance with Executive Order 21-02, provided that a physical barrier is present to enforce six foot spacing between individuals who are not members of the same household. Two individuals may sit together at the bar if they reside in the same household and are distanced by six (6) feet from other patrons.
 - d. Table seating is limited to 10 people per table and tables must be spaced such that individuals will be at least six (6) feet away from individuals seated at other tables.
 - e. Self-service style food stations (buffets, salad bars, etc.) are not permitted unless a staff member serves patrons.
 - f. If a restaurant, bar, tavern, nightclub or other establishment is hosting a group of persons for a Social Gathering or Event, as defined by Executive Order 21-02, the restrictions and procedures in place for such Social Gathering or Event under the Executive Order shall be followed.
3. Gyms, Exercise & Fitness Centers

During any period of time in which Allen County is designated as Red under Executive Order 21-02, the following additional restrictions applicable to gyms and exercise and fitness centers are hereby ORDERED.

- a. This Order is applicable to all exercise and fitness/workout facilities or gyms, including yoga studios, dance studios, karate studios, martial arts studios, and other similar fitness centers whether located in a standalone facility, a community center, or other place of business.
- b. In addition to any requirements of Executive Order 21-02, it is hereby ORDERED that gyms and exercise and fitness centers shall also be restricted to 50% capacity.

4. Color Code Status

Pursuant to Section 9.e. of Executive Order 21-02, a county will be moved to a more restrictive category whenever the county's metric/score rises to the higher category; however, a county must meet the metrics/score of a less restrictive category for two (2) consecutive weeks before being permitted to move to that category.

Unless otherwise specified in this Public Health Order, dated February 5, 2021, the restrictions imposed by Governor Holcomb's Executive Order 21-02 apply unless superseded by a later Executive Order issued by Governor Holcomb.

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