

COVID-19 INDIANA COUNTY GUIDELINES BY COLOR

The Indiana Department of Health has established a color-coded county map that measures weekly cases per 100,000 residents and the 7-day positivity rate for all tests completed. Each county is assigned a color based on the average of scores for the two metrics, and the map is updated each Wednesday at www.coronavirus.in.gov.

The Indiana Department of Health has provided the following guidelines to inform local decision-making. The guidelines should be used when counties are in yellow, orange or red status for at least 14 days. The state health commissioner may impose actions when a county is in red status for at least 14 days.

Communities should use the County Metrics Map to make decisions about their businesses, community and social activities.

BLUE – There is minimal community spread, and current activities may continue.

YELLOW – Moderate community spread. Local officials should be aware of the increased community spread and consider additional actions, such as:

- Hold regular meetings of county health and other elected officials, health providers, school leaders and other key stakeholders to regularly discuss conditions
- Evaluate the source of positive tests and undertake targeted testing, quarantine and isolation
- Consider restrictions on the size of gatherings
- Restrict common areas in workplaces
- Schools officials should review plans for face coverings and social distancing for all school extracurricular activities and assemblies

ORANGE – Medium to high community spread. The state health commissioner will work with local health and local elected officials to consider additional actions.

The state health department will convene local health leaders, healthcare providers, school and elected officials and other key stakeholders to discuss conditions and actions. State agencies will be available to provide further assistance and support upon request. Actions may include:

- Restrictions on the size of social gatherings
- Restricting common areas in workplaces
- Additional local monitoring of social distancing requirements at all events and venues
- Evaluating the source of positive tests and undertaking targeted testing, quarantine and isolation
- Placing attendance restrictions on K-12 extracurricular activities and sports events. Participants should only meet if they are able to socially distance and wear face coverings.

RED – Very high positivity and community spread. The state health commissioner may take action to restrict activities in counties.

The state health department will convene local health officials, health care providers, school and local elected officials and other key stakeholders to discuss actions that will be taken. State agencies will be available to provide further assistance and support upon request. This could include:

- Restrictions on the size of social gatherings
- Restrictions on large events
- Business capacity restrictions
- Limits on visitation in congregate care, jails, hospitals, and closure of senior centers
- Advising vulnerable populations to stay home
- Rescheduling elective hospital procedures
- Restricting attendance at K-12 extracurricular activities, such as sports and music events, to participants, coaches and support staff only

Recommendations previously were created to assist schools with decision-making. Those recommendations may be found at: https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/files/COVID-19-Schools_color%20level%20recommendations.pdf