



## CITY OF WABASH

Scott A. Long, Mayor

A Stellar Community

# PRESS RELEASE

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Tonight at Midnight, the Statewide Mask Mandate will be lifted and a Mask Advisory will be implemented. The mask advisory encourages people to wear masks when in large crowds, enclosed stores, and areas where social distancing cannot be practiced. Continued personal hygiene of frequent hand washing and hand sanitizing is a must.

As Mayor, while I am somewhat concerned that this is occurring as families travel the country on Spring Break, I am not opposed to the Governor's order to lift the mask mandate in favor of a mask advisory. Nearly 25% of Wabash County residents have either tested positive or received the COVID-19 vaccination. After monitoring the trends of Positive Tests, Emergency Room Visits, Hospital Admissions, ICU Admissions, and Deaths on the Regenstrief Institute Dashboard, Wabash County is and has been trending down in all categories!

I remain cautiously optimistic that we are continuing down the right path, however I reserve the right to implement measures, to protect citizens and visitors alike, should our positivity rate increase, or any of the above metrics trend upward dramatically. New mutations of the COVID-19 virus are appearing in other parts of the country which are more virulent to the younger population, and should these variants reach Wabash, we may need to return to previous measures. I will continue to monitor data and consult with health officials on all future decisions.

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