



## CITY OF WABASH

Scott A. Long, Mayor

A Stellar Community

### PRESS RELEASE

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Wabash County currently sits at 13.1% positivity for COVID and this percentage continues to climb daily. Prior to Stage 5 of the Indiana Back on track plan, Wabash County had a positivity rate near 3.5%. In order to get the COVID 19 positivity rate under control, we feel the following actions must be taken:

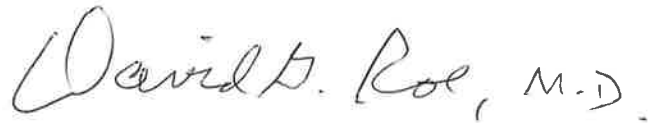
1. Signs requiring masks be worn must be posted on all buildings. Refusal of anyone to wear masks can result in the refusal of service. Business owners/employees must wear masks.
2. While Wabash and Wabash County are in an Orange level on the Indiana State Department of Health metric map, groups are limited to 50 or fewer participants. If the map progresses to a Red level, groups will be limited to 25 or fewer. No exceptions to these thresholds, social distancing and masks are mandatory at all times.
3. Restaurants: 50% indoor seating capacity, 100% outdoor seating capacity, no bar top seating, table service only with a minimum six feet of distance between tables of less than 10 people. Encourage carry out dining, curbside pickup, or delivery service. Absolutely no self-service salad/food bars.
4. Fitness Centers/YMCA: 50% capacity, social distancing, and masks when appropriate.
5. School/Recreational Athletic events: Team participants will be allowed 2 guests at each event, masks **must be worn by attendees at all times**, and social distancing between attendees must be maintained. Failure to comply will result in attendee being asked to leave. Cheerleading/Dance/Non-Essential Staff should not participate at events to keep numbers at a minimum. Live Streaming and media broadcasting of sporting events is encouraged.

These measures will remain in place until such time as Wabash and Wabash County attain a positivity rate of 5% or less. The goal is to reduce the number of positive cases of COVID locally, and the only way we see to do this is to enact stricter measures to control the spread. Local officials can enact stricter controls than the State, but we cannot enact lesser controls. We have chosen to enact stricter controls and have set a goal of 5%. You can help us reach this goal by enacting the practices recommended by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) of wearing a mask, social distancing, washing your hands frequently, and the liberal use of hand sanitizer when in public. Together we can take steps to reduce the spread of COVID 19 before complete closure of schools and businesses is mandated by a higher authority. Our goal is to keep schools and businesses open, and these steps must be taken in order to accomplish this.

Sincerely,



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