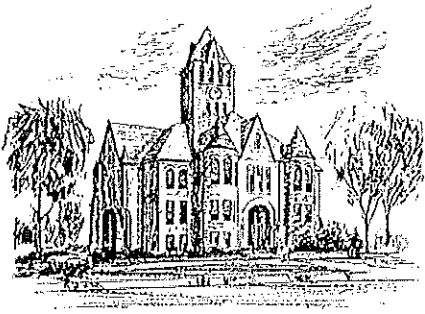


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## FULTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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EMERGENCY ORDINANCE NO. 04092020  
OF THE FULTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Whereas, Fulton County, along with many other counties and all fifty (50) states, has experienced confirmed cases of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and;

Whereas, COVID-19 is a respiratory virus that can result in serious illness and death and is easily transmitted from person to person, and;

Whereas, on January 31, 2020 the United States Department of Public Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public emergency for COVID-19, and;

Whereas, on March 6, 2020 Governor Eric J. Holcomb issued his Declaration of Public Health Emergency for the State of Indiana for COVID-19, and;

Whereas, despite mitigation steps being taken in Indiana, this virus remains a serious threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Fulton County, and further efforts are needed to address, control, and reduce the evolving threat posed by COVID-19;

Whereas, in consultation with and concurrence with the Fulton County Health Department Health Officer, the Fulton County Commissioners have rendered a decision that aggressive social distancing and other measures must be employed and followed by all in Fulton County to slow and contain the spread of COVID-19;

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County, pursuant to IC 36-8-2-4 and IC 36-8-2-5, has the authority to regulate conduct that might endanger public health, safety or welfare and to impose restrictions to prevent the transmission of diseases;

Whereas, due to the potential severity of COVID-19 and the need to take urgent action, the following is effective as of 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, April 8, 2020 until 11:59 p.m. Monday, April 20, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of Fulton County, do hereby:

1. Declare that a public health emergency exists in Fulton County due to COVID-19.
2. Order that Fulton County pursuant to IC 10-14-3-29.5 be placed under a "YELLOW" travel alert, which means that routine travel or activities may be restricted in areas because of a hazardous situation, and individuals should use caution or avoid those areas.
3. Extend the Governor's Executive Order to Stay-At-Home until 11:59 p.m. Monday, April 20, 2020.
4. Order only essential governmental functions and essential businesses, as defined in Executive Order 20-18, can remain open. All other, non-essential businesses, shall remain closed.
5. Prohibits all public and private gathering of any kind of more than ten (10) people.
6. Requires all employers, regardless of type, to continue to comply with the Indiana Occupational Safety and Health Administration (IOSHA) standards for safety and health as established and enforce by IOSAH.
7. All persons leaving their homes or residences in Fulton County must do so, only for essential activities.
8. All places of public amusement in Fulton County, whether indoors or outdoors, including locations with amusement rides, carnivals, amusement parks, water parks, aquariums, zoos, museums, arcades, fairs, children's play centers, playgrounds, funplexes, theme parks, bowling alleys, golf courses, movie and other theaters, concert and music halls, and country clubs or social clubs, shall be closed.
9. All persons in Fulton County must all times and as reasonably possible, maintain social distancing of at least six (6) feet from any other person, with the exception of family of household members.
10. Essential retail business establishments include grocery stores, supermarkets, supercenters or mass merchandizers (provided they have a sizable food/grocery section), specialty food stores, certified farmer's markets, farm and produce stands, convenience stores and gas stations, pharmacies, auto sales, auto supply, auto maintenance and repair, farm equipment, construction equipment, bicycle shops, hardware and supply stores, office supply stores, pet supply stores, club stores (provided they have a sizable food/grocery section), building material and supply stores may remain open as long as the following items are adhered to:
  - a. Limit the number of customers in establishment at any given time;
  - b. Implement hours for elderly and other vulnerable populations, as well as limit hours of operation to restock and clean the establishment;
  - c. Comply with all mitigation measures to protect employees and the public;
  - d. Maintain six (6) feet separation distance between customers, and customers and store employees;
  - e. Enforce six (6) feet separation distances at places where lines of customers tend to form;
  - f. Make hand sanitizer or disinfecting wipes readily available to employees and customers.

11. When conducting essential purchases in Fulton County individuals are required to adhere to the following:
  - a. All individuals in Fulton County should postpone making in-person purchases of goods and services;
  - b. All individuals in Fulton County shall use online or call-in ordering of goods and services with either delivery or curbside pickup to the greatest extent practicable;
  - c. All professional services should be conducted virtually or by telephone;
  - d. In instances where an individual must visit a retail business, an individual should limit the number and frequency of retail businesses visited to purchase goods and services;
  - e. All individuals in Fulton County should limit the number of household members who travel to and enter a store(s) to one (1) person per household;
  - f. In instances where an individual must visit a retail business only necessity items shall be purchased.
12. All campgrounds within Fulton County will be closed, except to persons residing in recreational vehicles (RVs) or cabins at the campground year-round.
13. A knowing violation of Executive 20-18 issued pursuant to Indiana's Emergency Disaster Law is a class B misdemeanor, punishable up to 180 days incarceration and a fine of up to \$1000.
14. A violation of this Ordinance is punishable of a fine up to \$1000.

The Board of Commissioners acknowledge the hardship and sacrifice that is being imposed on the businesses and citizens of Fulton County by these closures. These restrictions will be revisited as the COVID-19 pandemic evolves and changes, and are subject to revision as deemed appropriate for the health and safety of the citizens of Fulton County.

This Ordinance goes into effect 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, April 8, 2020.

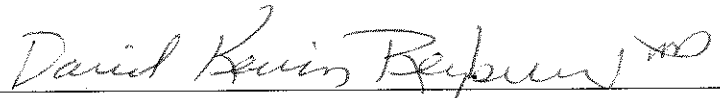
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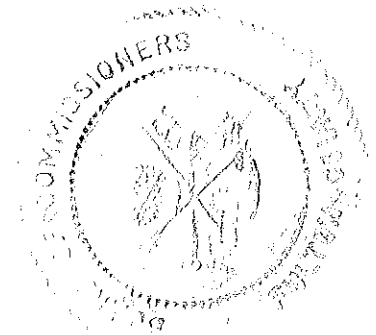
  
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FULTON COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER

  
Dr. Kevin Reyburn

Attested By:

  
Auditor



Prepared By: Commissioners

I affirm, under the penalties for perjury, that I have taken reasonable care to redact each Social Security number in this document, unless required by law.

Julie Scully