

COVID-19 COUNTY METRICS AND REQUIREMENTS

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

BLUE. The county has a point score of below 1.0 when percent positivity and new cases per 100,000 residents are combined. There is low community spread.

- All general requirements are in effect
- Social gatherings of any kind, indoors or outdoors, are limited to 250 people.
- A special, seasonal or commercial event for which more than 250 people will be in attendance, must submit a plan to the local health department at least seven days in advance of the event and receive approval before proceeding. This requirement is effective Nov. 22
- Evaluate the source of positive tests, undertake targeted testing, quarantine and isolation

YELLOW. The county has a point score of 1.0 to 1.5 when percent positivity and new cases per 100,000 residents are combined. There is moderate community spread.

- All general requirements are in effect
- Social gatherings of any kind, indoors or outdoors, are limited to 250 people.
- A special, seasonal or commercial event for which more than 100 people will be in attendance must submit a plan to the local health department at least seven days in advance of the event and receive approval before proceeding. This requirement is effective Nov. 22. Event guidance may be found in Executive Order 20-48
- Evaluate the source of positive tests, undertake targeted testing, quarantine and isolation
- Local public health officials, health care providers, elected officials, school leadership and other key local leaders must convene regularly to discuss actions that could be implemented to decrease the spread of COVID in their communities
- School officials should review plans for all extra-curricular activities and assemblies to ensure best mitigation practices are being followed

ORANGE. The county has a point score of 2.0 to 2.5 when percent positivity and new cases per 100,000 residents are combined. Community spread is approaching high levels. These requirements are in effect when a county reaches the orange metric and remain until a county moves to yellow or blue for two straight weeks. Local officials may impose further restrictions

- All general requirements are in effect. Hoosier businesses remain open
- Local public health officials, health care providers, elected officials, school leadership and other key local leaders must convene regularly to discuss actions that could be implemented to decrease the spread of COVID in their communities
- Evaluate the source of positive tests, undertake targeted testing, quarantine and isolation
- Social gatherings of any kind, indoors or outside, are limited to 50 people
- Special, seasonal or commercial events for which more than 50 people are requested to attend must submit a plan to the local health department at least seven days in advance of the event and receive approval before proceeding. College and professional sports events are included. This requirement is effective Nov. 22. Event guidance may be found in Executive Order 20-48
- Capacity in common areas and break rooms should be reduced, and users must be socially distanced
- Attendance at winter indoor K-12 extracurricular and co-curricular activities, including IHSAA sports, is limited to 25 percent capacity, in consultation with local health departments; all non-competing and non-performing participants, support personnel and attendees are required to wear face coverings at all times. All non-family groups must be socially distanced
- IHSAA football games on Friday, Nov. 20, may continue utilizing IHSAA guidance that requires local health departments and communities to determine stadium capacity. The IHSAA will work with the Marion County health department on a limited spectator plan for state championship games at Lucas Oil Stadium
- Community recreational sports leagues and tournaments may continue with attendance limited to participants, required personnel and parents/guardians only

RED. The county has a point score of 3.0 or higher when percent positivity and new cases per 100,000 residents are combined. Very high positivity and community spread. When a county is in the red metric, these requirements remain in effect until the metric has returned to orange or lower for two weeks. Local officials may impose additional restrictions

- All general requirements are in effect. Hoosier businesses remain open.
- The Indiana Department of Health will convene local public health officials, local health care providers, elected officials, school leaders and other key stakeholders to discuss actions that will be taken. State agencies will provide further support upon request
- Evaluate the source of positive tests, undertake targeted testing, quarantine and isolation
- Social gatherings of any kind, indoors or outside, are limited to 25 people
- Special, seasonal or commercial events are not advised to be held. A special, seasonal or commercial event for which more than 25 people are requested to be in attendance must submit a plan to the local health department at least seven days in advance of the event and receive approval before proceeding. College and professional sports events are included. This requirement is effective Nov. 22. Event guidance may be found in Executive Order 20-48
- Vulnerable populations should remain isolated. Social and holiday gathering participation is not advised
- All business capacity must adhere to strict social distancing guidelines; curbside pickup is preferred
- Local officials may consider limiting hours for the operation of bars, nightclubs and restaurants
- Attendance at winter indoor K-12 extracurricular and co-curricular activities, including IHSAA sports, is limited to participants, support personnel and parents/guardians. All non-competing and non-performing participants, support personnel and attendees are required to wear face coverings at all times
- IHSAA football games on Friday, Nov. 20, may continue with attendance limited to participants, support personnel and parents/guardians. The IHSAA will work with the Marion County health department on a limited spectator plan for state championship games
- Community recreational sports leagues and tournaments may continue with participants, required personnel, and parents/guardians only
- Senior center activities are suspended
- Hospitals, long-term care and other congregate settings may impose visitation limits
- Reduce the number of people in common areas and break rooms at one time

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