

RESOLUTION BOC 2020-01

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AND EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF TIPTON COUNTY, INDIANA DECLARING A LOCAL EMERGENCY DISASTER REGARDING THE COVID-19 VIRUS

WHEREAS, federal and state agencies have issued guidelines for the citizens of the United States, and the State of Indiana in order to protect themselves and guard against contracting and spreading the Coronavirus (hereafter referred to as "COVID-19"), which guidelines include, but are not limited to increased attention to personal hygiene, avoiding close contact with other individuals who are sick or at risk, and creating distance between others in the community in general; and

WHEREAS, many institutions and public events that typically create large gatherings of people have decreased or restricted in order to limit the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Indiana, in conjunction with the Indiana State Department of Health ("ISDH") has declared a state wide disaster emergency pursuant to IC 10-14-3-12, either strongly advising against, or specifically restricting travel, closing or limiting certain wholesale and retail business operations, closing public and private educational facilities, and limiting the number of individuals who are permitted to gather publically or privately in any one place; and

WHEREAS, Tipton County, Indiana has closely monitored all developments related to COVID-19 through consultation with Federal, State and County health officials and although the COVID-19 transmission rate, and it's resulting effects remain fluid, the most current information being furnished by such agencies, support immediate and emergency executive action on a local level consistent with state action, so as to protect the health, safety and welfare of all Tipton County, Indiana residents; and

WHEREAS, Tipton County already has in place, an ordinance in Chapter 36 of the Tipton County Code, which creates and authorizes the implementation, management, and operation of the county's Emergency Management system; and

WHEREAS, due to the nature of the emergency conditions described herein, the Tipton County Board of Commissioners and the local director of emergency management have determined that certain emergency executive actions are necessary and appropriate to protect the safety and welfare of the citizens of Tipton County, Indiana.

NOW THEREFORE, be it hereby resolved, that the board of County Commissioners in conjunction with the local emergency Management Director, do hereby declare and establish the COVID-19 flu epidemic, by this Executive Order, a local emergency disaster, this 20th day of March, 2020, and do thereby mandate the following actions:

1. Beginning end of business on Friday March 20, 2020, the Tipton County courthouse located at 101 E. Jefferson St., Tipton, Indiana, and all other county government

facilities shall have limited access, and shall be restricted to the public effective immediately until further notice; however, those citizens with essential business at the courthouse, shall be permitted access provided they have made prior arrangements with a department head or other designated county employee for access to the Courthouse or other facility. Any person however, may be refused entry into the courthouse or other facility, in the event that a public health official determines that such person may have contracted the COVID-19 virus or shows other signs of illness.

2. Effective March 23, 2020, at 7:00 a.m., the following business and commercial establishments shall be closed, but not limited to: bank lobbies, hair salons, nail salons, spas, barber shops, tattoo parlors, liquor stores, electronic stores, department stores, hobby and craft stores, clothing stores, automotive dealerships, furniture stores, resale stores, and any other retail stores that do not sell food or home supplies.
3. Facilities exempt from closure includes but are not limited to hardware stores, drive through banking, auto repair, carry out and drive through restaurants and food establishments, hospitals, doctors and healthcare facilities, grocery or produce stores, gas and convenience stores, and other private businesses that do not sell retail items.
4. Beginning March 23, 2020 at 7:00 a.m., there shall be a “YELLOW” travel advisory in effect pursuant to Ordinance BOC 2020- ___ (hereafter “Travel Advisory”) which was enacted by the Board of County Commissioners on the 20th day of March, 2020, restricting travel as per such Travel Advisory.
5. Beginning immediately, for a period through and including May 1, 2020, there shall be no public or private gatherings of more than fifty (50) people and all persons are advised at all possible times to maintain a distance of six (6) feet or more from each other. The fifty (50) person restriction does not apply to work environments so long as social distancing guideline policies are followed, and internal safeguards are put in place with regard to cleaning and social distancing.
6. All schools and educational facilities, and churches are to remain closed through May 1, 2020, with the exception of those persons necessary to provide meals to students during the period of closure.
7. All ballparks, parks, gym facilities, exercise facilities, shall remain closed through May1, 2020.
8. All movie theaters, banquet facilities, bowling alleys, and golf courses are to remain closed through May 1, 2020.
9. All branches of the Tipton County Library are to remain closed through May 1, 2020.

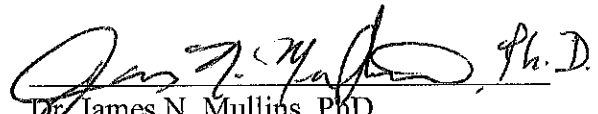
10. Tipton County Historical Society shall remain closed through and until May 1, 2020.


11. Daycare facilities may operate pursuant to state guidelines.


This executive order shall be enforced by the Tipton County Indiana Sheriff's Department and Tipton City Police Department so as to protect the health, welfare, and safety of all Tipton County, Indiana residents.

BE IT SO RESOLVED AND ORDERED, THIS 20th DAY OF MARCH, 2020.

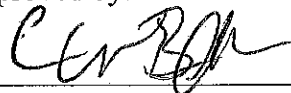
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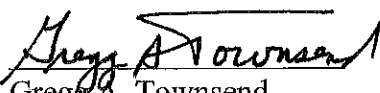

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