



# Grant County Emergency Management Agency

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Grant County Emergency Operations Center

COVID-19 Response / Planning

April 8, 2020 Daily Briefing

## 0900 Daily Briefing;

The Grant County Health Department has reported 24, confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 2 deaths in Grant County.

The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) has identified 5,943 total presumptive positive cases of COVID-19 and 203 deaths and 30,869 tests in the state since Friday, March 6.

\*\* Caution to business owners and operators; Physical distancing of people out in public is still a problem with some of our larger establishments. Allowing people to gather in your store is irresponsible and dangerous during a public health emergency. With the enhanced executive order 20-18 retail businesses that are providing the necessities of life may remain open to the public under the following conditions:

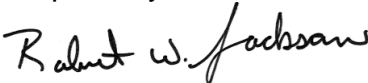
- They must limit the number of customers in their facility at any given time to ensure customers remain at least six feet apart as required by the CDC's required social distancing guidelines.
- They must limit hours of operation and should consider implementing separate operating hours for the elderly and vulnerable customers.
- They must comply with social distancing and sanitation of applicable areas and other mitigation measures to protect employees and the public.

Retail businesses that provide necessities of life 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, club stores (i.e., Costco, Sam's Club), building material and supplies stores (i.e., Lowe's, Menards, Home Depot). All other retail businesses not providing the necessities of life, as described above, may remain open only under the following conditions:

Just because your business falls into one of the categories mentioned above does not give you the right to conduct business in a manner that would put the public and your employees at increased risk. A knowing violation of an executive order 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 \$1,000

If you have health questions related to the COVID-19 virus MGH has a specific call number you can call. The number is 765-660-6999.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert W. Jackson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R'.

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