

DEKALB COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY

Press Release Reference Coronavirus (COVID-19) and Local Businesses, Industries, Churches, etc.

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PER INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ON March 16th, 2020, RESTAURANTS AND BARS ARE PROHIBITED FROM OFFERING DINE IN AT THEIR FACILITIES. UNTIL MARCH 31ST THEY CAN OFFER TAKE OUT OR DELIVERY.

Per CDC regarding large events and mass gatherings (for additional information and updated recommendations, refer to the CDC website)...

- Cancel or postpone in-person events that consist of 50 people or more
- Cancel gatherings of more than 10 people for organizations that serve higher risk populations

Local Health Department Recommendations/Things to Consider:

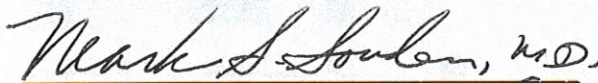
- Tell employees to stay home if sick
- Allow employees to stay home and care for others who are sick
- Post numbers for staff to call in if they are needing to be off work
- Relax or suspend employee points systems for attendance
- Think about how the business can function with very limited staff
- Is it possible for employees to work remotely from home
- Discuss with staff how their pay may or may not be affected
- Implementing meetings and gatherings remotely
- Postpone or cancel unnecessary events

Recommended websites and phone numbers for obtaining information:

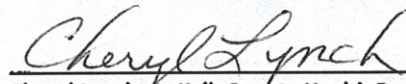
- www.in.gov/coronavirus
- www.cdc.gov/coronavirus
- Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) Epidemiology Resource Center questions call 317-233-7125
- Parkview Coronavirus Screening Line 877-774-8632

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DEKALB COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT DOES NOT HAVE TEST KITS

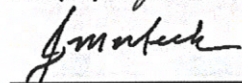
DeKalb County will continue monitoring the Coronavirus situation in collaboration with the Indiana State Department of Health and the CDC. Information provided through their websites is extensive and updated frequently. We suggest that area businesses, industries, churches, etc., closely monitor the sites for links pertaining to them and/or similar businesses in nature, for the most updated information to make informed decisions regarding their unique situation.



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