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## **HEALTH OFFICER'S ORDER – RESTAURANTS AND BARS AMENDED EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 18, 2021**

This Health Officer's Order is issued pursuant to authority provided to a local health officer pursuant to Indiana law, including I.C. 16-20-1-1 et seq and is as follows:

WHEREAS, in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the recent increase of new cases locally, and evidence that restaurants and bars pose a risk of infection and transmission of Covid 19, and

WHEREAS, Tippecanoe County has a significant number of well-established and frequented restaurant and bar and other facilities which attract patrons from within and outside of Tippecanoe County, and

WHEREAS, such restaurant and bar and other facilities are expected to attract increasing numbers of patrons under circumstances making social distancing, use a face coverings (masks), and other accepted guidelines for reducing the risk of Covid 19 transmission difficult to maintain, and

WHEREAS, Eric J. Holcomb as Governor of Indiana in his Executive Order 20-37 (Face Covering Requirement) recognized the expected public health benefits of face coverings, and

WHEREAS, Eric J. Holcomb as Governor of Indiana in his Executive Order 21-02 enacted county-specific mitigation measures but continuing data indicates the need for additional mitigation measures, and

WHEREAS, the Tippecanoe County Board of Health, at its meeting held August 5, 2020, approved the actions required by this Order and authorized the Tippecanoe County Health Officer to take action as considered appropriate to help protect public health,

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT beginning February 18, 2021 this Health Officer's Order shall be in force in Tippecanoe County, Indiana:

1. All requirements of Executive Orders issued by the Governor of Indiana shall be followed by Tippecanoe County residents and those persons entering Tippecanoe County and all businesses and other entities in their operations within Tippecanoe County.

2. In addition to meeting the requirements of the Governor's Executive Orders, those bars, restaurants, and other food service facilities licensed by the Indiana Alcoholic Beverage Commission and (or) the Tippecanoe County Health Department shall be limited or shall otherwise do the following:

A. Indoor restaurant capacity shall continue to be limited to 75% of available seating provided that social distancing of at least 6 feet is maintained. Outdoor capacity of 100% of available seating is permitted provided that social distancing of at least 6 feet is maintained; tents are required to have two open sides.

B. If Tippecanoe County's 7-day all tests percent positivity on the Indiana Department of Health COVID-19 Dashboard equals or exceeds 10%, then indoor restaurant capacity shall be limited to 50% of available seating provided that social distancing of at least 6 feet is maintained. Outdoor capacity of 100% of available seating is permitted provided that social distancing of at least 6 feet is maintained; tents are required to have two open sides.

C. Indoor bar capacity shall continue to be limited to 50% of available seating provided that social distancing of at least 6 feet is maintained. Outdoor capacity of 100% of available seating is permitted provided that social distancing of at least 6 feet is maintained; tents are required to have two open sides.

D. If Tippecanoe County's 7-day all tests percent positivity on the Indiana Department of Health COVID-19 Dashboard equals or exceeds 10%, then indoor bar capacity shall be limited to 25% of available seating provided that social distancing of at least 6 feet is maintained. Outdoor capacity of 100% of available seating is permitted provided that social distancing of at least 6 feet is maintained; tents are required to have two open sides.

E. When the county's 7-day all tests percent positivity equals or exceeds 10%, the Tippecanoe County Health Department will indicate the date the requirements listed in paragraphs B and D will become effective. The requirements listed in paragraphs B and D shall then remain in effect until Tippecanoe County's 7-day all tests percent positivity on the Indiana Department of Health COVID-19 Dashboard remains below 10% for 14 days.

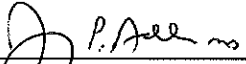
F. Bar-top service is permitted provided that social distancing of at least 6 feet is maintained between parties seated at the bar. Patrons of restaurants, bars and nightclubs are required to remain seated.

G. Dance floors shall not be used. Game areas, such as for billiards, pinball, and darts, will be limited to only those patrons actually participating in the use of those facilities.

3. This Order does not apply to drive through, curbside, and delivery services provided by restaurants, bars and nightclubs when such services are provided in a manner expected to minimize the risk of Covid 19 transmission.

4. This Order applies on property owned by Ivy Tech and Purdue University, as long as adopted by their required authorities, but does not apply on other Indiana-owned property. Ivy Tech and Purdue University have the legal authority to impose even stricter requirements than are imposed here.

5. The Health Officer's Order regarding restaurants and bars dated November 18, 2020 is rescinded and replaced, in total, by this order. This Order shall be in effect until modified or rescinded.

  
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Jeremy P. Adler, M. D.  
Tippecanoe County Health Officer

2/17/2021  
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