

STATE OF INDIANA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT INDIANAPOLIS

EXECUTIVE ORDER 21-11

**FOR: FOURTEENTH RENEWAL OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY
DECLARATION FOR THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK**

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020, I issued Executive Order 20-02 which declared a public health emergency exists throughout the State of Indiana as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and a confirmed report that the disease had spread to the State of Indiana;

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 to be a global pandemic, and, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency with respect to this dangerous virus;

WHEREAS, Ind. Code § 10-14-3-12(a) provides that a state of disaster emergency shall continue until the Governor: (1) determines that the threat or danger has passed or that the disaster has been dealt with to the extent that emergency conditions no longer exist; and (2) terminates the state of disaster emergency by executive order or proclamation;

WHEREAS, Ind. Code § 10-14-3-12(a) also provides that a state of disaster emergency may not continue for longer than thirty (30) days unless the state of disaster emergency is renewed by the Governor;

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2020, I issued Executive Order 20-17, which, effective April 5, 2020, renewed the state of disaster emergency for an additional thirty (30) day period beyond its original expiration date;

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2020, I issued Executive Order 20-25, which, effective May 5, 2020, renewed the state of disaster emergency for an additional thirty (30) day period beyond the renewed expiration date;

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2020, I issued Executive Order 20-30, which, effective June 4, 2020, renewed the state of disaster emergency for an additional thirty (30) day period beyond the renewed expiration date;

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2020, I issued Executive Order 20-34, which, effective July 4, 2020, renewed the state of disaster emergency for an additional thirty (30) day period beyond the renewed expiration date;

WHEREAS, on July 30, 2020, I issued Executive Order 20-38, which, effective August 3, 2020, renewed the state of disaster emergency for an additional thirty (30) day period beyond the renewed expiration date;

WHEREAS, on August 26, 2020, I issued Executive Order 20-41, which, effective September 2, 2020, renewed the state of disaster emergency for an additional thirty (30) day period beyond the renewed expiration date;

WHEREAS, on September 24, 2020, I issued Executive Order 20-44, which, effective October 2, 2020, renewed the state of disaster emergency for an additional thirty (30) day period beyond the renewed expiration date;

WHEREAS, on October 30, 2020, I issued Executive Order 20-47, which, effective November 1, 2020, renewed the state of disaster emergency for an additional thirty (30) day period beyond the renewed expiration date;

- WHEREAS,** on December 1, 2020, I issued Executive Order 20-49, which, effective that day, renewed the state of disaster emergency for an additional thirty (30) day period beyond the renewed expiration date;
- WHEREAS,** on December 31, 2020, I issued Executive Order 20-52, which, effective that day, renewed the state of disaster emergency for an additional thirty (30) day period beyond the renewed expiration date;
- WHEREAS,** on January 28, 2021, I issued Executive Order 21-03, which, effective January 30, 2021, renewed the state of disaster emergency for an additional thirty (30) day period beyond the renewed expiration date;
- WHEREAS,** on February 25, 2021, I issued Executive Order 21-05, which, effective March 1, 2021, renewed the state of disaster emergency for an additional thirty (30) day period beyond the renewed expiration date;
- WHEREAS,** on March 31, 2021, I issued Executive Order 21-08, which, effective April 1, 2021, renewed the state of disaster emergency for an additional thirty (30) day period beyond the renewed expiration date, which is currently set to expire on April 30, 2021;
- WHEREAS,** as of the date of this Executive Order, the virus has now spread to every county throughout Indiana with over 718,900 confirmed cases and over 12,900 deaths;
- WHEREAS,** our county-based response and mitigation efforts are still needed: three (3) months ago, five (5) counties were in red, eight (8) in yellow and the remainder in orange; one (1) month ago, forty-eight (48) counties were in blue, forty-two (42) were in yellow, two (2) were in orange, and none in red; however, today thirty-seven (37) counties are in blue, forty-five (45) are in yellow and ten (10) are in orange;
- WHEREAS,** our vaccination program is one of the best in the nation with 1.8 million Hoosiers fully vaccinated – however, as the COVID-19 vaccines have been available only for four (4) weeks for all Hoosiers age sixteen (16) and above, many other Hoosiers still await a 1st or 2nd dose to become fully vaccinated;
- WHEREAS,** although improvements have occurred, the spread and consequences of this disease in the Hoosier state remain as demonstrated by a 7-day average positivity rate of 4.5%; new confirmed cases daily; continued hospitalizations; and tragically, continued deaths daily from COVID-19;
- WHEREAS,** despite significant steps being taken in our State, the virus remains a threat to the health, safety and welfare of all residents of Indiana such that emergency conditions continue to exist, and efforts are needed to continue to address, control and reduce the threat posed by COVID-19; and
- WHEREAS,** in light of the above, it is necessary and proper to take further action to protect the health, safety and welfare of all Hoosiers in connection with COVID-19 and, specifically, to renew the state of disaster emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eric J. Holcomb, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor by the Indiana Constitution and the laws of the State of Indiana, do hereby order that:


1. The declaration of a public health disaster emergency set forth in Executive Order 20-02 as renewed in Executive Orders 20-17, 20-25, 20-30, 20-34, 20-38, 20-41, 20-44, 20-47, 20-49, 20-52, 21-03, 21-05 & 21-08 is hereby renewed for an additional thirty (30) day period beyond its current expiration date of April 30, 2021.
2. This renewal of the COVID-19 public health emergency shall become effective on May 1, 2021, and shall now expire on May 31, 2021, unless further renewed.
3. All other Executive Orders issued since March 6, 2020, which provide they are supplements to Executive Order 20-02, state they will continue for the duration of the public health emergency, or state they continue until rescinded or expire at another specific date, are

hereby renewed for the same 30-day period as provided in Paragraph 1 of this Executive Order. The above-referenced Executive Orders are numbered 20-03 through 20-53 and 21-01 through 21-09.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, Eric J. Holcomb, have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Indiana, on this 29th day of April, 2021.



Eric J. Holcomb
Governor of Indiana



ATTEST: Holli Sullivan
Secretary of State