



# Bartholomew County Health Department

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Despite recent improvements and stabilization of COVID-19 cases in our area, viral spread remains at a high rate per capita in our county; therefore it is important that the community continue to be diligent in preventing the spread by continuing to follow all the safety measures and guidelines of masking, physical distancing and hand hygiene.

The following is an outline of updated restriction and capacity limits as well as safety guidelines at the state and local level. Such restrictions are in place until further notice in addition to Indiana Governors Executive Order 21-03 declaring a public health emergency for the COVID-19 outbreak. Available for review at [www.in.gov/gov](http://www.in.gov/gov)

- Movie theaters, bowling alleys, and similar indoor entertainment venues will continue to be limited to 50% capacity while adhering to social distancing guidelines.
- Larger retailers including groceries and hardware stores will also continue to be limited to 50% capacity while adhering to social distancing guidelines.
- Gyms, fitness centers, and personal services will also remain at 50% capacity with the following requirements. Screen employees daily; wear facial coverings, and space equipment to satisfy social distancing. Equipment must be cleaned after each use. Group fitness classes can take place, with social distancing.
- Social gatherings, public meetings, and all other events will be limited to no more than 100 people, adhering to social distancing guidelines as part of the overall safety plan for events. At this time, we will not be taking submitted plans for larger events.

Effective Noon on 2/27/21 restrictions at Bartholomew County bars and restaurants will move from capacity limits to physical distancing compliance. Physical distancing guidelines must be followed at all times. Bartholomew County Health Officer has announced that individuals from non-household parties must be spaced six feet apart at tables, counters, and other seating arrangements. Masks should be worn when not actively eating or drinking. Frequent hand washing and proper sanitation continue to be strongly encouraged.

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