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Despite recent improvements and stabilization of COVID-19 cases in our area, viral spread remains in our county; therefore it is important that the community continue its work to prevent this spread by following all public safety measures and guidelines of face coverings, physical distancing of 6 feet and hand hygiene.

In light of the Governor's lifting of the mask mandate effective April 6th, I feel it is extremely important to continue mask wearing when out in public places where close contact with individuals outside of our own households will occur.

I strongly encourage our local businesses to continue to require the wearing of masks for their customers and staff, for the protection of themselves and others. Until we achieve higher vaccination numbers, we must remain vigilant.

The following guidance and capacity limits as well as safety guidelines are in place according to the Bartholomew County Health Department and Indiana Governors Executive order 21-07.

Social gatherings, public meetings, and all other events will be limited to no more than 250 people, adhering to social distancing guidelines as part of the overall safety plan for events. Attendance may not exceed 100 % of a facility capacity at this time. A thorough safety plan will be reviewed for larger events.

IHSAA events may not exceed 500 attendees with 250 maximum per opposing team maintaining social distancing and face covering requirements.

Restrictions at Bartholomew County bars and restaurants have moved 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.

Movie theaters, bowling alleys, and similar indoor entertainment venues, larger retailers including groceries and hardware stores, gyms, fitness centers, and personal services should screen employees daily; post notice of and require facial coverings, and social distance staff and patrons.

Such restrictions are in place until further notice in addition to Indiana Governors Executive Order 21-07 declaring a public health emergency for the COVID-19 outbreak. Available for review at www.in.gov/gov

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