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BIG PICTURE IN INDIANA

As of Friday, June 12, the Indiana State Department of Health ("ISDH") reported 39,146 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Indiana, which is an increase from the 36,578 cases reported last week. ISDH also reported 2,214 deaths in Indiana, up from 2,078 last week. Track the latest reporting numbers from ISDH [here](#), which includes statistics on demographics, testing, and hospital capacity that are currently helping Indiana navigate through the pandemic.

A total of 335,180 Hoosiers have been tested statewide, which is up from 291,000 just a week ago. ISDH Commissioner Dr. Box announced on Friday that most sites around the state will now be able to test all individuals, regardless of occupation, symptoms, or risk level, beginning Monday, June 15. Dr. Box noted that this is a significant change from the state's focus on high-risk individuals and those who are symptomatic and testing capacity has improved significantly since the start of the pandemic. She also warned although you may test negative, you still stand a chance of getting the virus at a later date.

Governor Holcomb and other state officials continue to hold a press conference every Wednesday and Friday. To see a summary of each press conference, click [here](#).

INDIANA ENTERS STAGE 4, MARION COUNTY JOINS JUNE 19

Beginning Friday, June 12, most of Indiana will enter [Stage 4](#) of Governor Holcomb's "Back on Track Indiana Plan." This comes two days earlier than originally planned after Dr. Box said the State is continuing to trend in a positive direction regarding the state's [four guiding principles of reopening](#).



Highlights of Stage 4 include, but are not limited to:

- Social gathering of up to 250 people may take place;
- Retail stores and malls may open at full capacity;
- Dining room food service may open at 75% capacity;
- Bars, nightclubs and bar seating in restaurants may open at 50% capacity;
- Cultural venues (museums, zoos) and entertainment venues (movie theatres, bowling alleys) may open at 50% capacity;
- Non-contact sport leagues may resume and contact sport league may resume on June 19 with approval from the local health department;
- Charity gaming and casinos may open June 15 with approval of the Indiana Gaming Commission; and
- Amusement parks may open at 50% capacity.

In Stage 4, conventions, fairs, festivals and similar events are to remain closed. Remote work and face coverings in public spaces continue to be recommended. Indiana is scheduled to remain in Stage 4 until July 3, when the state will enter the fifth and final stage.

Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett and Marion County Public Health Department Director Dr. Virginia Caine announced on Thursday, June 11, that [Marion County will enter Stage 4](#) of Governor Holcomb's reopening plan on June 19, one week after a majority of the state. Holcomb's and Marion County's orders are largely similar with the exception of religious services, which may proceed with 75% capacity limits in Marion County. The City County Building will open to the public, with face coverings required.

ISDH TO DOUBLE TESTING CAPACITY

To better compete for supplies, equipment and reagents, [ISDH will be partnering with Eli Lilly and Co. and the Indiana Hospital Association](#) to form a network of 10 labs across the state. The partnership will leverage the state's buying power with both national and international manufacturers of the items needed to quickly deliver test results. ISDH Commissioner Dr. Box said the state has already placed a \$60M order for supplies, which will then be sold to the labs at cost. The additional supplies will allow Indiana to double its testing capacity and deliver faster results to the public. This will also support the state's move to test all individuals, regardless of occupation, symptoms or risk-level, beginning Monday, June 15, at most testing sites around the state.

INDIANA REVENUE DOWN 20% IN MAY

Indiana collected a total of [\\$1.2B in revenue for the month of May](#), nearly \$233M lower than expected. Declines in sales and individual income taxes continue to be the driving force



behind the shortage, as sales tax revenue came in \$102.2M short and income tax revenue were \$63M lower than projections. The latest numbers bring Indiana about 8% below projections year-to-date.

IDOE STRESSES FLEXIBILITY AS SCHOOLS REOPEN

School reopening will look different across the state as students prepare to return for the 2020-2021 school year. In a [webinar](#) on Tuesday, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jennifer McCormick addressed questions regarding the [Indiana Department of Education's \("IDOE"\) school reentry guidelines](#) that were released last week. McCormick reiterated that the IDOE guidance are recommendations for schools and are not mandatory, which gives schools flexibility in reopening.

HIGHER EDUCATION SEES CUT TO FUNDING

In a response to the latest revenue deficit, state budget officials have [ordered a 7% cut to higher education funding](#), which totals \$103M of the \$1.7B appropriation. State Budget Director Zac Johnson stated that money sent directly to colleges and universities via the federal CARES Act would not be impacted. Johnson believes the combination of cuts from the state and the aid from the CARES Act would almost equal the original \$1.7B allocation to institutions. The State Budget Committee will meet next week to weigh in on the proposition.

FEDERAL RESERVE REVISES MSLP

The Federal Reserve announced on Monday, June 8, revisions to its Main Street Loan Program ("MSLP") that may make the program more appealing to borrowers. The MSLP is expected to become available in the coming days. BME professionals crafted a comprehensive guide about these changes that can be found [here](#).

INDIANAPOLIS DETAILS USE OF FEDERAL AID

On Monday, June 8, Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett announced a [proposal](#) to spend \$76M of the \$168M of federal funds allocated to the city of Indianapolis. Nearly half of the \$76M will be allocated toward testing and contact tracing, as well as a rental assistance program for Indianapolis residents. The remaining funds will go toward PPE equipment for those in need and government expenses related to the virus.

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

[Executive Order 20-32](#) – Back on Track Indiana: Stage 4

To see all of the Governor's Executive Orders, click [here](#).



USEFUL LINKS

[BME PPP Use of Funds and Forgiveness](#) (Updated June 5, 2020)

[SBA Coronavirus Relief Options](#)

[Indiana SBDC COVID-19 Resources](#)

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