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### **BIG PICTURE IN INDIANA**

As of Friday, June 26, the Indiana State Department of Health ("ISDH") reported 44,140 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Indiana, which is an increase from the 41,746 cases reported last week. ISDH also reported 2,403 deaths in Indiana, up from 2,327 last week. Track the latest reporting numbers from ISDH [here](#), which includes statistics on demographics, testing, and hospital capacity.

Despite many states around the country seeing recent spikes in COVID-19 cases, [Indiana's number of new cases continue to trend downward](#), even as daily testing numbers remain high. This week saw the smallest single-day increase since March on Monday, when a total of 210 new cases were reported. According to the Regenstrief Institute, Indiana's daily number of hospital admissions for COVID-19 has also been declining. ISDH Commissioner Dr. Kris Box has noted that positive case numbers have flipped to where more people under 30 have been testing positive for COVID-19 and the older generation's positivity numbers have declined, possibly reflecting the recent opening of bars and other entertainment venues.

Governor Eric Holcomb and other state officials hold a press conference on Wednesdays each week. The next press conference is scheduled for Wednesday, July 1 at 1:30 PM. To see a summary of each press conference, click [here](#).

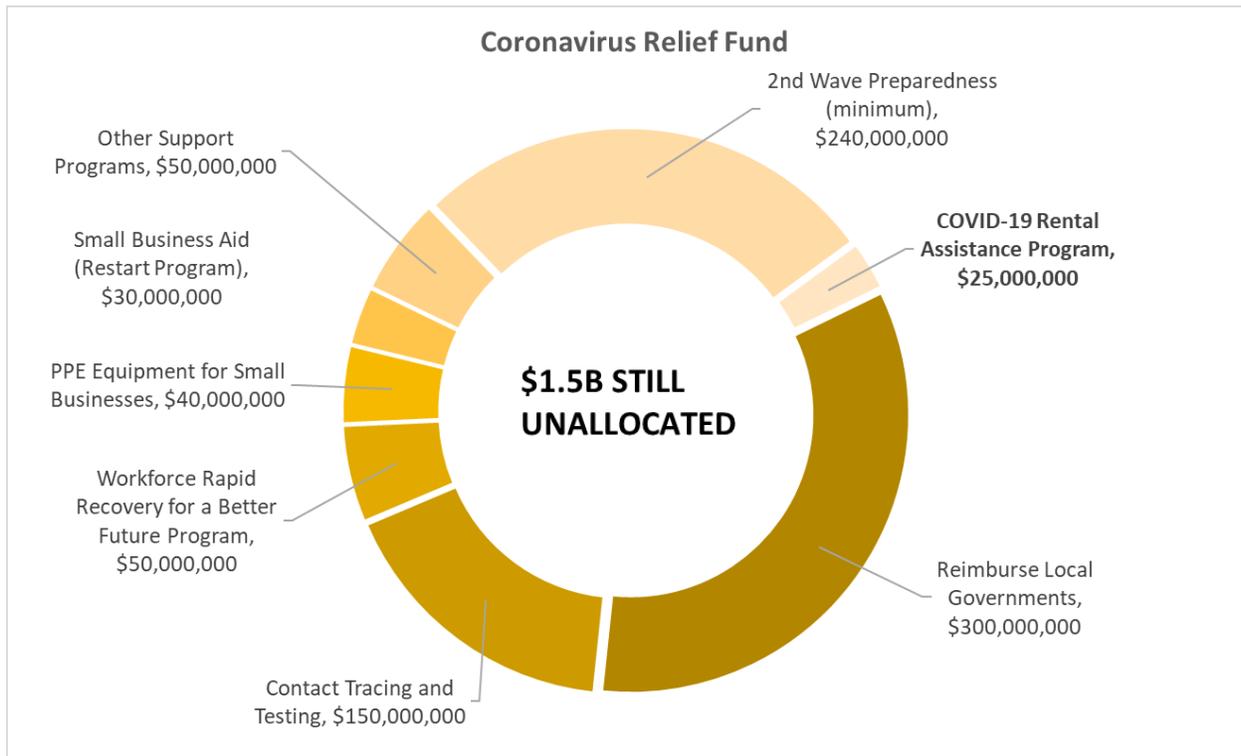
### **HOLCOMB ANNOUNCES RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

To help improve housing stability, prevent evictions and support renters, Governor Holcomb announced the [COVID-19 Rental Assistance Program](#) on Wednesday during his weekly press conference. A renter who does not already receive COVID-19 related rental assistance and has experienced a loss of income is eligible for up to \$500 in assistance for up to four months,



totaling a maximum assistance of \$2,000 with landlord permission. The application will go live in all counties besides Marion (which has its own [program](#)) on July 13.

The \$25M program is the latest allocation the state has made from the \$2.4B Coronavirus Relief Fund that can only be used for expenses incurred from the COVID-19 pandemic. Below is an update on where funds have been allocated thus far:



### INDIANAPOLIS SCHOOLS TO OPEN ON SCHEDULE

School districts across Indianapolis [announced they will open on schedule for the 2020-2021 academic year](#). The districts, including Indianapolis Public Schools, MSD of Lawrence Township, MSD of Pike Township and many others, said that in-person instruction and virtual instruction for those uncomfortable or unable to return will be offered. Schools said that further details on a return will be released in July, including social distancing protocols, use of face masks and screening for symptoms.

## STATE REMOTE LEARNING GRANT NOW AVAILABLE

The [application for Governor Holcomb's Emergency Education Relief grant program](#), designed to give public schools funding to improve remote learning capabilities, is now available through July 17. The \$61.6M program will go toward technologies to improve internet connectivity, provide technology for students to learn remotely and form partnerships to increase educator capacity. Traditional public-school corporations, public charter schools, accredited non-public schools, higher education institutions, and other education-related entities are eligible to apply.

## PROCLAMATION SUSPENDING IMMIGRATION: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

On June 22, 2020, President Trump issued the "[Proclamation Suspending Entry of Aliens Who Present a Risk to the U.S. Labor Market Following the Coronavirus Outbreak](#)." The proclamation went into effect on Thursday, June 24, 2020 and extends and expands the previous immigration order that went into effect in April. BME Professionals issued a [guide](#) on what this updated order means, exceptions to the order and what employers can do in response.

## 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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