

**BY: HEALTH ADVISOR OF THE HOUSE**

**EMERGENCY ORDER UNDER SECTION 3 OF THE HEALTH EMERGENCY  
ACTION ACT (HEAA) (HCC § 11-1-2)**

**DECLARATION OF A HEALTH EMERGENCY AND SUCH DIRECTIVES AS  
NECESSARY FOR THOSE ILL AND TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19**

SUMMARY:

- (1) Directives for those reported as ill with COVID-19; and
- (2) Directives for those who are a close contact of COVID-19.

DEFINTIONS:

*Facial coverings* are defined as a surgical mask, such as a KN95 or N95. Cloth masks are not included in this definition.

*Testing* is defined as a rapid test (“at-home”) and/or a PCR tested by a laboratory.

STATEMENT OF INTENT:

This Order shall be interpreted and implemented in a matter as to achieve the following objectives:

- Protect human life;
- Mitigate introduction, transmission, and spread of COVID-19 to others; and
- Supporting response efforts to COVID-19.

APPLICABILITY:

This Order shall apply only to Members of the House and shall not apply to anyone who is not considered a Member of such House.

In respect to facial coverings, this Order shall apply in all public settings, when deemed necessary, including vacations, shopping centers, restaurants, and any other indoor place, including the House. Outdoor places whereas six (6) feet of distance can be achieved do not require facial coverings unless the individual tests positive for COVID-19.

BACKGROUND:

Recently, a Member of the House has tested positive for COVID-19, a coronavirus that has been spreading since late 2019. The virus has costed many lives and has caused millions to get sick.

No Member has tested positive for the virus until last week. In order to ensure the spread does not cause the House to collapse will illness, and to prevent those at high-risk from contracting COVID-19, I issue this Emergency Order to ensure directives are followed.

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ACTION:

(1) A Health Emergency as defined in HCC § 11-1-2 is hereby activated for the effective dates of this Order.

(2) Those reported as ill as required under The Sick Reporting Act (HCC 11-3-1) and have tested positive for COVID-19 shall be subject to the following directives as granted under my powers (HCC § 11-3-1(a)(c)(i)):

(I) For the first five (5) days, starting Monday for those who have been reported prior, shall stay home and isolate from others.

(II) In additional to isolation, they shall wear a facial covering and avoid contact with others to the greatest extent possible.

(III) If the individual does not have a fever and symptoms are improving after five (5) days, they may end isolation, but must wear a mask in public and when leaving their room for an additional five (5) days.

(IV) The individual may be tested again starting five (5) days after testing positive, and must be tested every 48 hours until there are two consecutive negative tests. If a test remains positive, they shall remain in isolation until they receive two (2) negative tests.

(V) Following the ten (10) days, the individual shall no longer be subject to these directives.

(VI) Individuals who are needing to be in close contact with someone who tested positive shall wear a facial covering as well as the person who is positive.

(3) Those who were in close contact with an individual who tested positive shall be subject to the following directives as granted under my powers:

(I) Following five (5) days since exposure, those in close contact shall get tested for COVID-19 or when symptoms are present.

(II) Following ten (10) days since exposure, those in close contact shall get tested for COVID-19 again.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

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This Order shall enter into effect on August 21, 2022 and will expire on September 1, 2022 at 11:59 PM<sup>1</sup>, or until I rescind the Health Emergency.

BE IT SO ORDERED.


*In testimony whereof, the Health Advisor of the House, as appointed by the Speaker of the House, has hereunto set her hand at La Porte, Indiana, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August 2022.*



Dr. Christina Cavinder

Health Advisor of the House

Attest:



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<sup>1</sup> Under current law, a Health Order cannot go beyond thirty (30) days. However, the Health Advisor has the right to rescind, amend, or renew an Order when deemed necessary under HEAA.