

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY
2020-05
IN RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS 2019 EPIDEMIC

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, The Board of Commissioners of Lake County Indiana Declared an Emergency exists in Lake County Indiana; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, The Board of Commissioners of Lake County Indiana closed all Lake County Government buildings from March 24, 2020 until April 6, 2020; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of Lake County Indiana extended the closure on multiple occasions until Monday May 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS, The conditions related to the emergency in Lake County Indiana have not substantially improved; and

WHEREAS, County employees continue to work in their essential duties both in the building and remotely to ensure the citizens and visitors of Lake County remain safe and are afforded all the rights we are obligated to ensure

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of Lake County, Indiana declare that the following actions be taken in relation to this ongoing emergency:

1. The closure of Lake County Government buildings to the general public announced on March 23rd is hereby extended through and including Friday May 15, 2020 with the intent to return to normal operation on Monday, May 18, 2020.
2. For purposes of this Emergency Declaration and while Lake County Government Buildings are closed to the general public in order to slow the spread of COVID-19 throughout Lake County, all first responders, law enforcement, emergency dispatchers and management personnel, judges, court personnel, corrections personnel, and other governmental employees working for, or to support "Essential Governmental Functions" are hereby exempt from this Emergency Declaration.
3. The phrase "Essential Governmental Functions" means all services provided by offices of elected officials and any and all departments under each office of an elected official needed to ensure the continuing operation of governmental agencies or to provide support the health, safety and welfare of the public, and including contractors performing work for the County. Each elected office holder and department head is encouraged to continue to provide services to the citizens of Lake County. The prohibition of Lake County both non-essential and essential from entering the respective Lake County Government buildings is hereby lifted. It will remain up to elected officials and department heads to determine and identify employees and/or contractors necessary to perform their duties at Lake County Government offices for the performance of those functions.
4. Members of the public required to do business in-person at any government office or department are required to have an appointment before entering the buildings. Each elected official and department head is encouraged to provide Court Security with a daily list of appointments for verification of such appointments.
5. Employees are further instructed to seek direction from their immediate supervisor for direction on specific job assignments during this closure.

This Declaration of Emergency is enacted this 30th Day of April, 2020.



Michael C. Repay President, Lake County Board of Commissioners