



CITY OF CARMEL

DISASTER EMERGENCY DECLARATION

Executive Order: 2020-01

WHEREAS, the City of Carmel, Indiana (“Carmel”) has been threatened by a public health emergency created by the spread of the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, to date, at least thirty (30) Indiana residents have tested positive for the COVID-19 virus, including at least one (1) in Hamilton County and thirteen (13) in surrounding counties, and two (2) persons have died therefrom; and

WHEREAS, by Executive Order 20-02, Governor Holcomb has declared a public health disaster emergency as a result of the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no known vaccination for the COVID-19 virus and it poses a present and serious health risk to Carmel residents; and

WHEREAS, an emergency declaration is now an appropriate and necessary public health and safety response in order to combat the spread of COVID-19 to and within Carmel.

NOW, THEREFORE, by and under the powers invested in me, as the Mayor of the City of Carmel, by Indiana Code Section 10-14-3-29, a local disaster emergency should be and the same is hereby **DECLARED** by and for the City of Carmel, and all applicable sections of the Indiana Code are hereby fully invoked and in effect to allow for the exercise of all emergency authority necessary or prudent for the protection of lives and property within the same.

In addition, **effective at and after 7:00 P.M. on March 18, 2020:**

- I. A “Watch” travel advisory for the declared emergency is in effect within the corporate limits of the City of Carmel. Under this advisory, only essential travel is permitted and all non-essential travel should be avoided. This advisory does not affect travel in Carmel for the following purposes: (1) travel relating to medical care or diagnostic testing for oneself or another; (2) travel required to provide care to another for whom the traveler is a primary caregiver; (3) travel for mandatory employment activities; (4) travel required to obtain fuel, food, groceries, medication, or essential household goods and personal hygiene products; (5) travel relating to food delivery or to the resupply of retail stores, pharmacies, or food pantries; (6) travel for recreational purposes where the driver and passengers do not leave the vehicle; or, (7) travel by individuals engaged in employment needed to restore utility service or provide any other emergency public service.
- II. All employers within the City of Carmel are strongly encouraged to allow for teleworking arrangements to the maximum extent possible to minimize the amount of mandatory work travel.

- III. All businesses, schools, government agencies, and other organizations located within the City of Carmel should implement their emergency action plans.
- IV. All public playgrounds located within the City of Carmel shall be closed. All trails and multi-use paths shall remain open and walking or bicycling thereon, as well as in public parks, is both permitted and encouraged.
- V. All gyms and workout facilities located within the City of Carmel should offer only individual "one trainer-one guest" sessions.
- VI. All banks, credit unions, and investment services located within the City of Carmel should offer only drive-up, ATM, or "one financial advisor-one client" sessions.
- VII. All hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers located within the City of Carmel should postpone all elective and non-emergency surgical procedures in accordance with and subject to Governor Holcomb's Executive Order 20-04.
- VIII. All retail businesses located within the City of Carmel whose facilities have drive-up capabilities should require customers to use this drive-up service only.
- IX. All bars, restaurants, nightclubs, and other establishments that provide in-dining services within the City of Carmel must close their operations to in-person patrons and provide drive-thru, take-out, and delivery services only, in accordance with and subject to Governor Holcomb's Executive Order 20-04.

All public offices and employees of the City of Carmel must exercise utmost diligence in the discharge of the duties required of them during the declared emergency and in the execution of emergency laws, regulations, and directives, whether Federal, state, or local.

All residents are called upon and directed to comply with all emergency measures, to cooperate with public officials and disaster service forces in executing emergency operations plans, and to obey and comply with the lawful direction of properly identified officers.

All operating forces will direct their communications and requests for assistance and operations to the Emergency Operations Center.

The Carmel Corporation Counsel will ensure that this Declaration is promptly filed with the City Clerk and given prompt and general publication.

This Declaration will be in effect pursuant to Indiana law until a further declaration is issued or as determined by me as the Mayor of the City of Carmel.

This Declaration is executed on this 18th day of March, 2020.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the seal of the City of Carmel, Indiana to be affixed


James Brainard, Mayor

ATTEST:



Douglas C. Haney, Corporation Counsel