





# **COVID 19 UPDATE REPORT**

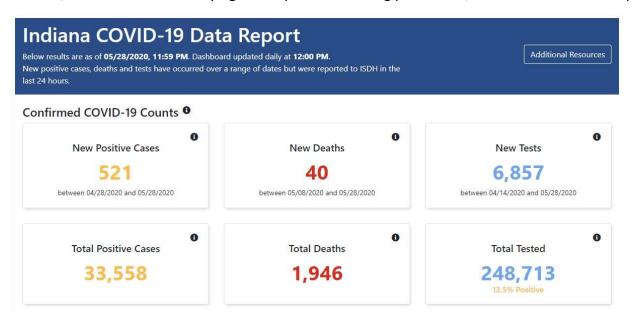
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May 29th,2020 (stats from May 28th, 2020) as of 12:00pm

Local: Indiana 33,558 confirmed cases with 1,946 confirmed deaths – in all 92 counties – 248,713 **tested**, now that states are trying to re-open while taking precaution, we will address how to proceed.



Illinois 115,833 confirmed cases in 102 counties, 5,186 confirmed deaths, 829,966 people tested.

County	Tested	Positive Cases	Deaths
<u>Illinois</u>	829966	115833	5186
<u>Chicago</u>	236051	44170	2049
Cook	186753	31136	1470
<u>Lake</u>	40836	7933	281
<u>DuPage</u>	51891	7460	350
<u>Kane</u>	32197	6083	167
Will 38845		5356	268







Governor Holcomb has used data to drive decisions since our first case of the novel coronavirus in early March. That will continue to be our practice as we contemplate a sector-by-sector reset. To get Back-On-Track, Indiana must continue to stay ahead of COVID-19. To do this, we will employ a three-pronged approach to detect the virus through robust testing, trace identified cases to prevent its spread, and protect Hoosiers as they return to work and the economy by developing a steady supply line of personal protective equipment.

# RAPID DETECTION THROUGH TESTING

- Nearly 200 testing sites are available throughout the state. These include state-provided, private, and community-sponsored locations. The goal is to test more than 100,000 Hoosiers per month.
- In addition, the Indiana State Department of Health continues to deploy a dozen strike teams to quickly respond to suspected cases in high-risk congregate settings, including long-term care facilities, prisons and jails, and some large-scale essential employers. These teams will continue to play a vital role in keeping Indiana on track through surveillance, early testing, and cohorting.
- Hoosier employers, employees, and consumers can be confident that anyone who is symptomatic for COVID-19, in a high-risk category, or who is a close contact of a positive individual will have access to testing.

#### **CONTACT TRACING**

- Identifying cases through expanded testing is only part of the plan to stay ahead of COVID-19. Indiana has launched an aggressive plan to track new cases through a centralized contact tracing program to help stop the future spread of the virus.
- More than 500 people have been hired.
- This effort complements that of local health departments, which have engaged in contact tracing since the first positive case of COVID-19 was reported in early March.
- All Hoosiers who test positive will receive a text, email, and complete a call with one of the contact tracers. These tracers will identify other Hoosiers potentially at risk and connect them to resources to assist with their quarantine or isolation.

#### PROTECT HOOSIER EMPLOYEES AND CONSUMERS

- The Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) has established the Indiana Small Business PPE Marketplace to provide reliable access to PPE for small businesses that need help to comply with safe workplace guidelines.
- Businesses and non-profit entities with less than 150 employees that are registered to do business in Indiana are eligible.
- To order through the PPE Marketplace, go to https://backontrack.in.gov/ppemarketplace.htm
- More than 20,000 orders have been received.
- The Marketplace has shipped 10,000 orders with 12,000 more on the way. PROTECT INDIANA'S MOST VULNERABLE Data has shown COVID-19 disproportionally impacts individuals over 65 years old worldwide, and sadly, Indiana is no different. Over 80% of Hoosiers who have died from the virus are over 65. As we begin to get back on track, we must do so in a way that protects our most vulnerable citizens.

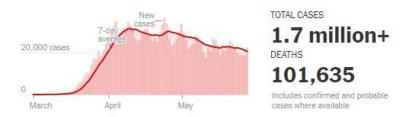






# Coronavirus in the U.S.: Latest Map and Case Count

By The New York Times Updated May 29, 2020, 9:12 A.M. E.T.



More than 1,730,200 people in the United States have been infected with the coronavirus and at least 102,943 have died, according to a New York Times database.

United States – 1,757,778 confirmed cases up from Thursday's numbers of 1,735,877 cases with – 102,943 confirmed deaths with more than 13 million tested within the United States. Jurisdictions reporting cases: 54(50 states, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, & US Virgin Islands).

Global: 5,940,560 up today from 5,824,138 confirmed cases up from Thursday's numbers

**Total Vaccines in Development 138** 

Total recovered: 2,606,842 cases up from Thursday's numbers of 2,523,008 confirmed cases

Total Deceased: 362,829 confirmed cases up from Thursday's numbers of 358,178 confirmed deaths

**Total Countries Impacted – 195 of 195 and 15 of 15 territories** 

Italy has 33,142 confirmed deaths, followed by Spain with 27,119 (corrected), and China stands with 4,636 (no change in 31 days) in reported deaths

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Indianapolis, IN - Monroe County officials said starting Saturday their county will join Marion County and the rest of the state in Stage 3 of Governor Holcomb's plan to reopen Indiana's economy. A new Monroe County Health Order was issued Thursday. It said Monroe County will follow the requirements outlined as part of Stage 3 until June 15, unless repealed and replaced prior to that date. However, there is one exception. Mass gatherings will be limited to no more than 50 people. Under the governor's plan, Stage 3 allows gatherings of up to 100 people as long as social distancing and other sanitation measures are implemented. Beginning Friday, May 29, houses of worship can resume indoor service at 50 percent capacity, providing congregates engage in social distancing and wear face coverings. There is no cap on outdoor services that are socially distanced. The following changes go into place Monday, June 1:

Public gatherings increased from 25 to 50 individuals.







- Restaurants may serve indoors and outdoors at 50 percent of their total capacity, so long as social distancing gathering remains in effect and staff wears PPE.
- Personal service businesses may resume with PPE worn by all staff and patrons. This includes salons, spas and tattoo parlors.
- Gyms and fitness centers may open at 50 percent capacity with social distancing and sanitation requirements.
- Tennis courts, basketball courts and non-contact sports fields may reopen.
- Pools may reopen at 50 percent capacity. If these facilities are indoors, face coverings and masks are mandatory.
- Shopping malls may increase to 75 percent capacity with the same social distancing guidelines.
- Day care facilities, summer day camps, YMCA programs and adult day service activities may open with social distancing.
- Campgrounds may reopen, but playgrounds must remain closed.
- Raceways may reopen, but no spectators are allowed.

"From my perspective, Indianapolis is moving forward cautiously, appropriately, responsibly. Given how disproportionately affected the city of Indianapolis has been by the COVID-19 pandemic," Mayor Hogsett said.

Indianapolis, IN - A key coronavirus model made a major tweak in its projections on how many deaths we may see in the United States. The model projects 132,000 people will die in the U.S. by August. That's about 11,000 less people from its last projection a week ago. That information comes from a model by the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation. So far, there have been over 101,000 deaths in the U.S. The panel assembled by President Donald Trump to confront the pandemic has been sharply curtailed as the White House looks ahead to reopening. Vice President Mike Pence convened the White House Coronavirus Task Force on Thursday for the first time in a week. The group of doctors and high-ranking administration officials, which met daily even on weekends at the height of the pandemic, has seen its formal sessions reduced from three per week at the start of May to one per week now, according to White House schedules. The task force has essentially been sidelined by Trump, said senior administration officials and others close to the group who described a greatly reduced role for the panel created to guide the administration's response to the pandemic.

Muncie, IN - Muncie, Indiana could be one of the next COVID-19 hot spots in the United States, according to the New York Times. Muncie is in the top 10 for highest daily growth rate of deaths, at about 7%. The deaths in Muncie are doubling every 9.8 days, a much higher rate than Indianapolis. Indianapolis' deaths are doubling every 83.3 days, according to the New York Times' data. "Growth rates are useful measures in epidemics because they tell us whether things are getting better or worse," the newspaper's analysis reads. "In places where the growth rate is high but the number of cases is relatively low, a community may still have time to flatten its curve before an outbreak becomes widespread." Growth rates are useful measures in epidemics because they tell us whether things are getting better or worse. In places where the growth rate is high but the number of cases is relatively low, a community may still have time to flatten its curve before an outbreak becomes widespread. Communities with a lot of cases and a high growth rate are on track to have a serious problem. A high growth rate on top of a large number of cases means that a still larger number of people are on track to become ill or die.







# Highest avg. daily growth rate of cases

METRO OR MICRO AREA		RECENT CASES	DAILY GROWTH RATE	CASES DOUBLE EVERY
1	Fayetteville-Springdale, Ark.	438	10%	7.3 days
2	Yuma, Ariz.	539	9%	8.2 days
3	Salem, Ohio	328	7%	9.6 days
4	Hanford-Corcoran, Calif.	350	7%	9.7 days
5	Chattanooga, Tenn.	595	7%	10.5 days
6	Decatur, Ala.	132	6%	11.1 days
7	Huntsville, Texas	325	6%	11.2 days
8	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	423	5%	13.5 days
9	Montgomery, Ala.	1,088	5%	13.6 days
10	Florence-M.Shoals, Ala.	130	5%	14.2 days
11	El Centro, Calif.	796	5%	14.3 days
12	Faribault-Northfield, Minn.	277	5%	14.4 days
13	Dalton, Ga.	168	5%	14.6 days
14	Hickory-Lenoir, N.C.	328	5%	14.6 days
15	Dothan, Ala.	130	5%	15.0 days
297	New York City area	28,759	0%	200.1 days

# Highest avg. daily growth rate of deaths

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METRO OR MICRO AREA		RECENT DEATHS	DAILY GROWTH RATE	DEATHS DOUBLE EVERY		
1	Burlington, N.C.	13	12%	5.9 days		
2	Muncie, Ind.	18	7%	9.7 days		
3	Milledgeville, Ga.	32	7%	9.8 days		
4	Laurel, Miss.	13	7%	10.0 days		
5	Roanoke, Va.	21	7%	10.1 days		
6	Charlottesville, Va.	6	7%	10.2 days		
7	Tuscaloosa, Ala.	10	6%	12.9 days		
8	Sioux City, Iowa	34	5%	13.2 days		
9	Lumberton, N.C.	11	5%	13.5 days		
10	Racine, Wis.	11	5%	13.9 days		
11	Alexandria, La.	10	5%	14.9 days		
12	Bay City, Mich.	12	5%	14.9 days		
13	Asheville, N.C.	28	5%	15.0 days		
14	Fresno, Calif.	17	5%	15.3 days		
15	Marion, Ohio	8	4%	15.8 days		
195	New York City area	2,781	0%	187.2 days		

Chicago, IL - Most of Illinois is set to move into the long-awaited next phase of Gov. J.B. Pritzker's "Restore Illinois" plan Friday, a crucial step toward restoring the life Illinoisans once knew. But that does not mean all will necessarily go back to normal in the suburbs. Pritzker's plan still restricts gatherings to 10 people or fewer. Face coverings are required in public. Retailers may open, but with limited capacity. Barbershops, salons, and gyms must follow certain rules. The governor released guidelines last weekend to help retailers, manufacturers, barbershops, salons, health and fitness centers and other businesses prepare for the move 10 weeks after Pritzker's stay-at-home order first went into effect March 21. Pritzker's plan allows restaurants and bars to open for outdoor dining only, limited to parties of six people or fewer. Youth sports activities are limited to drills, practices and lessons that involve no contact between kids and allow for 6 feet of social distancing. Fitness classes are limited to one-on-one training, outdoor classes with a maximum of 10 participants and no contact between attendees. Personal care services — such as hair salons, barbershops, nail salons, spas, massage parlors, waxing centers and tattoo parlors — can only be performed while the customer and employee are both wearing face masks. And massages and body treatments are limited to 30 minutes or less. Woodfield Mall in Schaumburg will reopen Friday, but other suburban shopping centers will wait until next week or haven't disclosed their plans. The plans for Woodfield were disclosed in a public relations firm's invitations to media to take photos and videos at the mall Friday morning. Woodfield's owner, Simon Property Group, did not respond to inquiries about its plans. A mall employee told the Chicago Sun-Times that it would open at 11 a.m. Friday. Simon also was unavailable to







discuss plans for its other suburban properties, Gurnee Mills in Gurnee, Chicago Premium Outlets in Aurora and Orland Square in Orland Park. Hawthorn Mall in Vernon Hills and Fox Valley Mall in Aurora said they will reopen Monday. Oakbrook Center in Oak Brook, Spring Hill Mall in West Dundee and Northbrook Court in Northbrook, all owned by Brookfield Properties, have not issued reopening plans. Brookfield did not reply to inquiries. The malls mostly have been closed to shoppers except for curbside service during the coronavirus pandemic.

Chicago, IL - A proposal to improve South Side health care by merging four financially struggling hospitals flatlined last week during the state Legislature's spring session. We believe the hospital plan is too critical to let die. The move would have replaced four aging hospitals with a better one, plus a network of smaller facilities around the South Side. To make that happen, the four hospitals sought \$520 million in state funding over five years. But lawmakers excluded the merger from a health and hospital funding bill approved in Springfield, claiming the proposal lacked sufficient details and failed to convincingly lay out its benefits. "This development by the Legislature forces the conclusion of our transformation plans," a spokesperson for the hospitals told us. This is bad news for the South Side, which has suffered from an under-resourced and overburdened health care network for decades — a fact underscored by the impact of the coronavirus pandemic. COVID-19, the disease caused by the virus, has delivered a particularly lethal blow to predominantly African American neighborhoods on the South and West sides.

# 5/28/2020 Information

**Gary, IN** - Gary Mayor Jerome Prince announced the launch of the Mayor's Fresh Fruit & Vegetables Initiative, a partnership with Vine Line Produce Distribution. Mayor Prince and the City of Gary will distribute boxes of fresh fruit and vegetables to 1,680 Gary families every Saturday through the end of June. Each 25-pound box will contain apples, oranges, tomatoes, potatoes, onions, asparagus, cabbage, zucchini, bell peppers, cucumbers, and lettuce. Gary residents may pick up a box of fresh fruit and vegetables from the Gary Genesis Convention Center every Saturday through June 27, beginning at 10:30 a.m. each day.

**Washington, DC** - President Donald Trump is preparing to sign an executive order aimed at curbing liability protections for social media companies. This comes after Trump lashed out at Twitter for applying fact checks to two of his tweets. Trump had threatened social media companies with new regulation or even shuttering, but he alone cannot do that. The proposed order, which administration officials said he could sign Thursday, would direct Executive Branch agencies to study whether they can place new rules on the companies. Legal experts have expressed doubts much could be done without an act of Congress, and the order is certain to face legal challenges.

Chicago, IL - Chicago Public Schools estimates about \$44 million to address the pandemic, with about 20% of that spending beyond the district's regular contract costs, Chief Operating Officer Arnie Rivera told the Board of Education Wednesday. That includes an estimated \$24.4 million on technology such as laptops, tablets and internet hotspots, with \$4.4 million of that total coming from a \$75 million emergency coronavirus authorization approved by the Board of Education in March. Other expenditures include \$1.2 million for emergency cleaning and supplies such as soap and masks; \$10.2 million for essential personnel; \$3.4 million for educational materials for distance learning; and \$4.9 million for nutrition and other costs, ranging from student meal delivery to reimbursement for canceled international trips.

**Chicago, IL** - CVS Health on Friday plans to open another 24 COVID-19 drive-thru testing sites in Illinois, bringing the total number statewide to 40. Most of the new drive-up test sites are in the Chicago area. A list of CVS testing locations is available <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>. All of these CVS pharmacy drive-thru sites use self-swab tests and patients must make an







appointment first, the company said in a news release. Patients should stay in their vehicles and will be directed to the pharmacy drive-thru window, where they will be provided with a test kit and instructions. A CVS employee will observe the self-swab process to make sure it's done properly, the news release said. Tests will be sent to an independent lab and results are expected in about three days. CVS Health said it's establishing 1,000 test sites across the country, and more than half are in communities in need of the most support during disease outbreaks and other hazardous events, as defined by the social vulnerability index developed by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The index considers factors like poverty, lack of access to transportation and crowded housing, according to the CDC.

New York, NY - Across the country, production at meatpacking plants and other food processing centers has slowed or stopped because of large outbreaks, including one at a Smithfield facility in South Dakota that sickened more than 1,000 people and three at Tyson facilities in Iowa that sickened hundreds of people. The Times has identified more than 100 food processing facilities across the country with coronavirus outbreaks. The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said at least 4,900 meat and poultry processing workers had been infected across 19 states, and at least 20 had died. Though outbreaks have been reported in every region of the country, the rural Midwest and South have been especially hard hit. Some companies, including Smithfield, have refused to answer even basic questions about the size of their outbreaks. And in some places, state and local health officials have also been silent. In Kansas, state officials said there were more than 2,300 meatpacking-related cases and seven deaths spread across 10 clusters, but they refused to name those facilities. In Nebraska, where the National Guard has helped with the masstesting of meatpacking workers, state and local officials have often refused to provide details. Officials in Virginia, Maryland, and North Carolina, among other places, have also not provided that information. Small counties with large meatpacking industries have reported some of the country's highest numbers of cases per capita. In Nobles County, Minn., 631 workers at a pork processing plant have tested positive. In Cass County, Ind., where at least 900 Tyson workers tested positive, the number of known cases surged from roughly 50 to more than 1,400 over three weeks. And in Dakota County, Neb., which has the second-highest per capita infection rate of any American county, roughly one of every 13 residents have tested positive.

# **5/27/2020 Information**

**Indianapolis, IN** - Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett and Marion County health leaders will outline the next steps for reopening today. They'll hold a virtual news conference at 10:30 a.m. We will livestream it in this post. Here's where Marion County currently stands:

- Nearly two weeks ago, the county started allowing gatherings of 25 people.
- Churches could hold in-person services of that size.
- Non-essential retail stores and malls could open.

Then, last Friday, restaurants opened for outdoor seating at 50 percent capacity, but there are still a lot of questions about when restaurants can open for indoor dining. Many people also want to know when hair and nail salons will open. The mayor previously said June 1 was the target date for that.

Indianapolis, IN - If your child is looking for a job this summer, they may have trouble finding one. According to Project Indy, a lot of employers are scaling back and not hiring as many teens because of COVID-19. Project Indy, which is overseen by EmployIndy, has over 14,000 participants. In-School Youth Initiatives Director Erika Seydel-Cheney knows places like grocery stores and fast-food restaurants are hiring teenagers, but some major companies are not. "Kids are anxious to work; it's just a case of do their parents feel like it's safe enough for them to get out there, and







also there are less jobs out there right now," Seydel-Cheney said. Project Indy's website is still active, and they still encourage young people to sign up because some employers are still hiring. The coronavirus pandemic is changing the way Americans plan to spend their summer vacation as more people are expected to take road trips.

Chicago, IL - What reopening Illinois will look like on Friday: The four regions in Gov. J.B. Pritzker's reopening plan are set to see some restrictions loosened on Friday. Pritzker on Tuesday planned to outline the regional metrics needed to head into the third phase of his reopening plan. That includes a positivity rate under 20% and stable or declining hospital metrics. All regions are set to move forward on Friday, Pritzker's office said. Pritzker released guidelines Sunday for retailers, manufacturers, barbershops, salons, health and fitness centers, and other businesses that will be allowed to reopen when the state enters the next phase of its "Restore Illinois" plan. In addition to social distancing, wearing masks and hand-washing, Phase 3 of Pritzker's plan includes some specific guidelines for places like gyms, hair salons and day camps:

- Youth sports activities are limited to drills, practices and lessons that involve no contact between kids and allow for six feet of social distancing to be maintained.
- Fitness classes are limited to one on one training, outdoor classes with a maximum of 10 participants and no contact between attendees.
- Personal care services, like those you get at hair salons, barbershops, nail salons, spas, massage parlors, waxing
  centers and tattoo parlors, can only be performed while the customer and employee are both wearing face
  masks.
- Massages and body treatments, like masks and scrubs, are limited to 30 minutes or less.
- Camps can only take place during the day; overnight camps are not allowed.
- Restaurants and bars can be open for outdoor dining only and limited to parties of six people or fewer.

The governor stressed that as more businesses reopen, the top priority will continue to be the health and safety of Illinois residents and workers, and he urged Illinois residents to continue to take precautions. Guidelines for Phase 3 as well as toolkits for businesses can be found on the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity website. The governor's office estimates about 700,000 Illinois residents will be able to return to work in Phase 3.

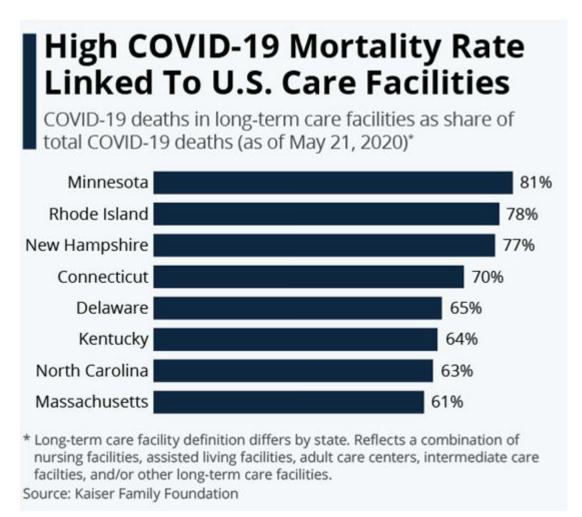
New York, NY - The coronavirus pandemic has had a horrific impact on care homes right across the world and last month, a report by academics at the London School of Economics found that 64 percent of all deaths in Norway occurred in such facilities, along with 57 percent in Canada and 49 percent in both Belgium and France. The same grim trend has manifested itself across the United States, particularly during initial stages of COVID-19's spread when the Life Care Center of Kirkland in Washington State become an early epicenter of the outbreak. Over three quarters of that home's residents contracted the coronavirus and 40 died. COVID-19 had spread to 163 long-term care facilities in Washington state by April 8 with 200 people dying. Data from the Kaiser Family Foundation shows just how devastating the pandemic has been for elderly residents at U.S. care homes. As of May 21, 7,732 facilities in 43 states had known cases of COVID-19 with just under 175,000 recorded in total. At the same point, 35,118 deaths were linked to care facilities, 42 percent of total U.S. COVID-19-related deaths. Even though that percentage may seem shocking, it is nearly twice as high in some U.S. states. In Minnesota, 81 percent of all COVID-19 deaths have occurred in long-term care facilities, along with 78 percent of all deaths in Rhode Island and 77 percent of deaths in New Hampshire. The figure is 60 percent or higher in Connecticut, Delaware, Kentucky, North Carolina, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and Mississippi. Even though







the data seems to suggest that the bulk of communities outside care homes are at a lower degree of risk from the virus, it is important to note that the trends mentioned above are not evident everywhere in the country. As of May 26, New York state had nearly 30,000 deaths but the share linked to care facilities is actually the lowest in the dataset at just 20 percent. The Kaiser Family Foundation states that the definition of a long-term care facility differs by state. The data reflects a combination of nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, adult care centers, intermediate care facilities, and/or other long-term care facilities.



# 5/26/2020 Information

Indianapolis, IN - The Indianapolis Motor Speedway opens today as a free testing site for the coronavirus. It is the newest location to host drive-through and walk-up testing for COVID-19 hotspots in Marion County, according to the health department. You need to fill out a six-page online form and complete a health screening before you can get tested. Testing at IMS is free for people who are showing symptoms, people who are 65 or older, people who have a weakened immune system, or people who are essential workers. If IMS is too far, you can also get tested at Warren Central High School. The same application process applies there. These two spots are replacing the testing sites at Eastern Central Church and the fairgrounds. The Marion County Health Department told us they are opening new sites to give Hoosiers more access to testing. The free testing focuses on areas that have been greatly impacted by the virus. The World Health Organization hit pause on studying hydroxychloroquine as a potential COVID-19 treatment







because of safety concerns. The decision was made after an observational study was published in the medical journal "The Lancet." The study, which included more than 100,000 COVID-19 patients in 671 hospitals on six continents, revealed no benefit from hydroxychloroquine. Researchers also found patients with COVID-19 taking the drug were more likely to die. The WHO's director-general says an independent executive group is now reviewing the use of hydroxychloroquine in the solidarity trial.

**LaPorte, IN** - Residents in need of a haircut and a break from isolation are flocking to reopened barbershops even though COVID-19 remains a public health threat. Haircutting establishments were allowed to reopen Monday in most Indiana counties — though not Lake County — under Gov. Eric Holcomb's loosened COVID-19 restrictions. Julie Wisser of Carter's Barber Shop at 711 Jefferson Ave. said the 83 customers her shop served Monday were by far the most on a Monday in her 18 years of owning the business. Despite lingering concerns about the virus, Wisser said she expected heavy turnout since many of her customers are used to stopping by every three to four weeks. Wisser said several people from Michigan also showed up, since barbershops under COVID-19 restrictions in that state remain closed. Carter's Barber Shop is giving numbers to customers and only allowing them into the shop when there's enough social distancing space for them to step inside and wait for their turn in the chair. Haircutters wear masks while customers are given the option of covering their faces or not. Business was also brisk at Wilson's Barbershop & Shave Parlor at 818 Lincolnway. For now, haircuts there are given by appointment to keep people from congregating outside, and time slots quickly filled up. Barbers and customers there are required to have a mask on.

Chicago, IL - Illinois on Monday saw the lowest number of daily coronavirus deaths -- 31 --since early April. Despite the stay-at-home order and stepped up police patrols, Chicago experienced its deadliest Memorial Day weekend in the last five years with at least 10 people fatally shot and 40 others injured. COVID-19 tests are now standard during the intake process for all new detainees entering Cook County Jail, one of several measures that officials said has helped them turn a critical corner on the pandemic. At its worst, over a two-month period, the deadly virus infected just over 700 inmates, including seven who died. Two correctional officers have died, with hundreds also infected. But Dr. Connie Mennella, who oversees medical care at the jail, told the Tribune testing data indicates the facility has moved beyond the stage of flattening the curve and into containment, with a positive test rate that is below 10%

**Chicago, IL** - On May 5, Gov. J.B. Pritzker unveiled his five-phase plan to reopen the state, breaking the state into four regions and identifying key metrics each region needs to meet before moving to the next phase. When the plan was released, each region was already in Phase 2, but the governor's office cautioned that regions could move backwards if the spread of the coronavirus intensifies. We're tracking the state's progress along Pritzker's plan to gradually reopen, using data from the Illinois Department of Public Health.

#### **5/22/2020 Information**

**Indianapolis, IN** - State officials say all of Indiana's state-operated inns, campgrounds and cabins and will reopen Friday in time for the Memorial Day weekend as coronavirus restrictions are eased across much of Indiana. The state Department of Natural Resources says all of its campgrounds, property-operated cabins, camper cabins and inns would reopen Friday under the eased restrictions approved by Gov. Eric Holcomb. DNR spokesman JB Brindle says the state agency has 7,701 camping sites around the state. He says the DNR resumed taking camping reservations online Thursday morning and by early Thursday afternoon, about 70 percent of those sites had seen new reservations for the holiday weekend.







Fort Wayne, IN - After an unprecedented end to the spring semester, Rep. Jim Banks is urging schools to make a commitment to return to the classrooms in the fall. NACS superintendent, Chris Himsel, says it's too soon to decide. In a tweet today Banks said, "We need to change the subject from our schools might not open in the fall, to our schools will open in the fall and here's what we need to do it." While Fort Wayne school districts are in the process of deciding what is the best choice, Northwest Allen County superintendent, Chris Himsel, says it's too soon to know. "We would love to be open, that is our intent, to be open, but we are not going to place our kids in compromised situations," Himsel said. "We are not going to place the adults that work with these kids every day." Himsel says they don't want to rush their decision, and the future safety of their students is more important. "The political stuff and the emotional stuff we see on social media is not helpful, what is helpful is getting the facts and working our way through those facts," he said. ABC21 reached out to Congressman Jim Banks today and he says he is personally working on a plan for how Indiana schools can return to in-person classes next semester. However, that decision ultimately lies with state leaders and local districts.

Fort Wayne, IN - The trustees of Purdue University have been hit with a lawsuit named on behalf of a Purdue Fort Wayne student seeking rebates on tuition and fees because of the novel coronavirus. A law firm out of South Carolina wants the case certified as a class action suit, favoring plaintiff Elijah Seslar and others in the student body, who the suit claims didn't get what they paid for this spring semester. The suit argues that Seslar paid full price for an in-person education this spring and should get pro-rated rebates on tuition and fees because halfway through Purdue Fort Wayne dialed things back to online classes only. Elijah Seslar is a business student at Purdue Fort Wayne. The Anastopoulo Law Firm in Charleston, South Carolina has filed close to two dozen lawsuits against U.S. universities, including one against I.U. Bloomington, over tuition refunds related to the pandemic. The Seslar lawsuit doesn't criticize Purdue Fort Wayne for shutting down in-person instruction in March, acknowledging the move to protect public health was the right thing to do. But it maintains that students such as Seslar simply deserve some of their money back. "If you and I go down to the local restaurant and order a steak for lunch and pay for it, and they come out and say, hey, we can't give you a steak, we can only give you a hamburger, that's fine. It's still lunch, but they don't get to keep all the money that we paid for the steak. They've got to rebate us so that we're paying market value for what we actually received," said Roy Willey with the Anastopoulo Law Firm, who is the lawyer for Seslar. Purdue Fort Wayne released a statement about the suit Thursday, saying, "It is sadly predictable that opportunistic lawyers would attempt to profit from this unprecedented public health crisis that's affected us all. The suit is baseless and has no chance of ultimate success. Regardless, we continue to look to identify ways to assist our students who are experiencing financial hardship as a result of the pandemic. Efforts such as our \$2.7 million disbursement of CARES Act funds to those eligible for this assistance, and the continuation of our supplemental COVID-19 Student Relief Fund initiated in March, remain high priorities for the university."

Chicago, IL - Mayor Lori Lightfoot said Thursday that Chicago restaurants won't be ready to reopen to outdoor dining by May 29 but said she hopes they will in June. The mayor's declaration threw cold water on the good news Gov. J.B. Pritzker had offered suffering restaurateurs just a day earlier. Lightfoot's announcement came as state health officials announced that Illinois has hit its highest total for the number of COVID-19 tests administered in a single day, 29,307. Officials also reported 2,268 new known cases of the coronavirus in Illinois and 87 additional confirmed deaths.

**Washington**, **DC** - A study of 96,000 hospitalized coronavirus patients on six continents found that those who received an antimalarial drug promoted by President Trump as a "game changer" in the fight against the virus had a significantly higher risk of death compared with those who did not. People treated with hydroxychloroquine, or the closely related drug chloroquine, were also more likely to develop a type of irregular heart rhythm, or arrhythmia, that







can lead to sudden cardiac death, it concluded. The study, published Friday in the medical journal the Lancet, is the largest analysis to date of the risks and benefits of treating covid-19 patients with antimalarial drugs. It is based on a retrospective analysis of medical records, not a controlled study in which patients are divided randomly into treatment groups — a method considered the gold standard of medicine. But the sheer size of the study was convincing to some scientists. Hydroxychloroquine and chloroquine didn't benefit patients with the coronavirus, either alone or in combination with an antibiotic, according to the study published Friday by The Lancet medical journal. Researchers are searching through available options to treat the coronavirus, which has killed more than 330,000 people, including drugs like the antimalarials that are also already approved to treat lupus and rheumatoid arthritis. Trump's endorsement has led many people to take the medications without scientific proof of their benefit. David Maron, director of preventive cardiology at the Stanford University School of Medicine, said that "these findings provide absolutely no reason for optimism that these drugs might be useful in the prevention or treatment of covid-19." Past studies also found scant or no evidence of hydroxychloroquine's benefit in treating sick patients, while reports mounted of dangerous heart problems associated with its use. As a result, the Food and Drug Administration last month warned against the use of the drug outside hospital settings or clinical trials. The new analysis — by Mandeep Mehra, a Harvard Medical School professor and physician at Brigham and Women's Hospital, and colleagues at other institutions — included patients with a positive laboratory test for covid-19 who were hospitalized between Dec. 20, 2019, and April 14, 2020, at 671 medical centers worldwide. The mean age was 54 years, and 53 percent were men. Those who were on mechanical ventilators or who received remdesivir, an antiviral drug made by Gilead Sciences that has shown promise in decreasing recovery times, were excluded. Mehra said in an interview that the widespread use of antimalarials for covid-19 patients was based on the idea of "a desperate disease demands desperate measures," but that we have learned a hard lesson from the experience about the importance of first doing no harm. For those given hydroxychloroquine, there was a 34 percent increase in risk of mortality and a 137 percent increased risk of a serious heart arrhythmias. For those receiving hydroxychloroquine and an antibiotic — the cocktail endorsed by Trump — there was a 45 percent increased risk of death and a 411 percent increased risk of serious heart arrhythmias. Those given chloroquine had a 37 percent increased risk of death and a 256 percent increased risk of serious heart arrhythmias. For those taking chloroquine and an antibiotic, there was a 37 percent increased risk of death and a 301 percent increased risk of serious heart arrhythmias. Cardiologist Steven Nissen of the Cleveland Clinic said the new data, combined with data from smaller previous studies, suggests that the drug "is maybe harmful and that no one should be taking it outside of a clinical trial."

# All the Indiana Executive Orders are found here: in.gov/gov/2384.htm

New - Executive Order 20-22

EXTENSION OF DIRECTIVE FOR HOOSIERS TO STAY AT HOME; CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS OF GOVERNMENT; and EXECUTIVE ORDERS PERTAINING TO RESTAURANTS AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

New - Executive Order 20-21

ADDITIONAL DIRECTIVES TO MANAGE INDIANA'S HEALTH CARE RESPONSE DURING THE COVID~19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY, TO IMPLEMENT THE CARES ACT AND TO EXTEND OTHER PORTIONS OF COUNTY PROPERTY TAX BILLS







Executive Order 20-20
ADDITIONAL EDUCATION MATTERS AND COVID~19

Executive Order 20-19

ADDITIONAL DIRECTIVES TO MANAGE INDIANA'S HEALTH CARE RESPONSE DURING THE COVID~19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Executive Order 20-18

CONTINUED DIRECTIVE FOR HOOSIERS TO STAY AT HOME; EXTENSION OF CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS OF GOVERNMENT; and EXTENSION OF EXECUTIVE ORDERS PERTAINING TO RESTAURANTS AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Executive Order 20-17

RENEWAL OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY DECLARATION FOR COVID-19 OUTBREAK

Executive Order 20-16 Education Matters AND COVID-19

Executive Order 20-15

ADDITIONAL DIRECTIVES REGARDING GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTIONS

Executive Order 20-14

CONTINUATION OF EXECUTIVE ORDERS 20~04, 20~10 & 20~11 PERTAINING TO RESTAURANTS AND ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Executive Order 20-13

<u>DIRECTIVES TO MANAGE INDIANA'S HEALTH CARE RESPONSE FOR HOOSIERS WITH COVID-19 DURING THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY</u>

Executive Order 20-12

FURTHER PROVISIONS FOR HELPING HOOSIERS DURING THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Executive Order 20-11

RELATING TO CARRYOUT CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL

Executive Order 20-10

ENFORCEMENT DIRECTIVE REGARDING PROHIBITION OF IN-PERSON DINING IN RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 EPIDEMIC

Executive Order 20-09

RELATING TO THE CONTINUITY OF OPERATION OF GOVERNMENT

Executive Order 20-08

DIRECTIVE FOR HOOSIERS TO STAY AT HOME

Executive Order 20-07

RESCHEDULING THE PRIMARY ELECTION DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY







Executive Order 20-06

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION ON EVICTION AND FORECLOSURES

Executive Order 20-05

HELPING HOOSIERS DURING THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY DECLARED FOR THE CORONAVIRUS 2019 DISEASE OUTBREAK

Executive Order 20-04

FURTHER ORDERS AND DIRECTIVES IN RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 EPIDEMIC

Executive Order 20-03

WAIVER OF HOURS OF SERVICE REGULATIONS RELATING TO MOTOR CARRIERS AND DRIVERS OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES TRANSPORTING GOODS TO INDIANA BUSINESSES

Executive Order 20-02

DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY FOR CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 OUTBREAK

Executive Order 20-01

EFFORTS BY INDIANA AGENCIES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES TO ASSIST IN LAKE MICHIGAN SHORELINE RELIEF

Below are the Executive Orders for Illinois - https://www2.illinois.gov/government/executive-orders

**NEW - Executive Order Number 29** 

ILLINOIS INSURANCE CODE — Executive Order 2020-29 (HTML)

**NEW - Executive Order Number 28** 

RADIOLOGY CERTIFICATIONS — Executive Order 2020-28 (HTML)

**NEW – Executive Order Number 27** 

MEDICAL SCIENCE INSTITUTIONS — Executive Order 2020-27 (HTML)

**NEW – Executive Order Number 26** 

HOSPITAL CAPACITY — Executive Order 2020-26 (HTML)

**NEW – Executive Order Number 25** 

CIVIL PROCEDURE — Executive Order 2020-25 (HTML)

**Executive Order Number 24** 

FORENSIC SERVICES Executive Order 2020-24 (HTML) (English)

**Executive Order Number 23** 

PROFESSIONAL REGULATION LAW Executive Order 2020-23 (HTML) (English)







#### **Executive Order Number 22**

VARIOUS PROVISIONS Executive Order 2020-22 (HTML) (English)

#### **Executive Order Number 21**

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS (IDOC) Executive Order 2020-21 (HTML) (English)

#### **Executive Order Number 20**

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE Executive Order 2020-19 (HTML) (English)

#### **Executive Order Number 19**

HEALTH CARE FACILITIES, PROFESSIONALS, AND VOLUNTEERS Executive Order 2020-19 (HTML) (English)

# **Executive Order Number 18**

STAY AT HOME ORDER EXTENSION —This supersedes <u>Executive Order 2020-10</u>. Executive Order 2020-18 (HTML) (English)

## **Executive Order Number 17**

EXTENDS CANNABIS APPLICATIONS —This supersedes Section 1 of <u>Executive Order 2020-03\*</u>. <u>Executive Order 2020-17 (HTML) (English)</u>

#### **Executive Order Number 16**

SUSPENDS PROVISIONS IN THE ILLINOIS VEHICLE CODE — Executive Order 2020-16 (HTML) (English)

## **Executive Order Number 15**

SUSPENDS PROVISIONS IN THE ILLINOIS SCHOOL CODE —.

Executive Order 2020-15 (HTML) (English) (Arabic) (Polish) (Chinese) (Spanish) (Hindi)

# **Executive Order Number 14**

NOTARY AND WITNESS GUIDELINES -

Executive Order 2020-14 (HTML) (English) (Arabic) (Polish) (Chinese) (Spanish) (Hindi)

## **Executive Order Number 13**

SUSPENDS ADMISSIONS TO IDOC FROM COUNTY JAILS —.

Executive Order 2020-13 (HTML) (English) (Arabic) (Polish) (Chinese) (Spanish) (Hindi)

# **Executive Order 2020-12**

EXECUTIVE ORDER IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 (COVID-19 EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 10)

**Executive Order 2020-12** 

#### **EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-11**

EXECUTIVE ORDER IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 (COVID-19 EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 9)

**Executive Order 2020-11** 







Executive Order Number 10
EXECUTIVE ORDER IN REPONSE TO COVID-19 (COVID-19 EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 8)
Executive Order Number 20-10

Executive Order Number 9
EXECUTIVE ORDER IN REPONSE TO COVID-19 (COVID-19 EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 7)
Executive Order Number 20-09

Executive Order Number 8

EXECUTIVE ORDER IN REPONSE TO COVID-19 (COVID-19 EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 6)

Executive Order Number 20-08 (Arabic) (Polish) (Chinese) (Spanish)

Executive Order Number 7

EXECUTIVE ORDER IN REPONSE TO COVID-19 (COVID-19 EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 5)

Executive Order Number 20-07 (PDF, 143 KB)

Executive Order Number 6

AMENDMENT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-05 IN REPONSE TO COVID-19 (COVID-19 EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 4)

Executive Order Number 20-06 (PDF, 73 KB)

Executive Order Number 5

EXECUTIVE ORDER IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 (COVID-19 EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 3)

Executive Order Number 20-05 (PDF, 78 KB)

Executive Order Number 4

EXECUTIVE ORDER IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 (COVID-19 EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2)

Executive Order Number 20-04 (PDF, 80 KB)

Executive Order Number 3 (COVID-19 EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1)
EXECUTIVE ORDER TO EXTEND APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR ADULT-USE APPLICATIONS DUE TO COVID-19
Executive Order Number 20-03 (PDF, 761 KB)

#### **Tips**

Experts' understanding of how the virus spreads is still limited, but there are <u>four factors that likely play a role</u>: how close you get; how long you are near the person; whether that person projects viral droplets on you; and how much you touch your face.

If your community is affected, you can help reduce your risk and do your part to protect others by following some <u>basic</u> steps:

**Wash your hands!** Scrub with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, and then dry them with a clean towel or let them air dry.







**Keep distance from sick people.** Try to stay six feet away from anybody showing flu- or cold-like symptoms, and don't go to work if you're sick.

Prepare your family, and communicate your plan about evacuations, resources and supplies. Experts suggest stocking at least a 30-day supply of any needed prescriptions. Consider doing the same for food staples, laundry detergent and diapers, if you have small children.

# Cleaning Your Radio



**CAUTION:** Do **not** use solvents to clean your radio as most chemicals may permanently damage the radio housing and textures.

Do **not** submerge the radio in the detergent solution.

To clean the external surfaces of your radio, follow the procedure described next.

#### Procedure:

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- 1 Combine one teaspoon of mild dishwashing detergent to one gallon of water (0.5% solution).
- 2 Apply the solution sparingly with a stiff, non-metallic, shortbristled brush, making sure that excess detergent does not get entrapped near the connectors, controls, or crevices. Rinse and then dry the radio thoroughly with a soft, lint-free cloth.
- 3 Clean battery contacts with a lint-free cloth to remove dirt or grease.

# Sites to view for updated information:

coronavirus.jhu.edu wpta21.com in.gov/coronavirus/2393.htm cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/diseases-a-z-list/coronavirus in.gov/gov/2384.htm cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/ FEMA.gov/coronavirus www2.illinois.gov/sites/coronavirus/Pages/default.aspx Chicago.gov/coronavirus coronavirus.in.gov coronavirus.gov coronavirus.illinois.gov/s illinoispolicy.org/what-you-need-to-know-about-coronavirus-in-illinois in.gov/isdh cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/covid-data/faq-surveillance.html