

**THIRD ORDER OF THE CLARK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
REGARDING RESTRICTIONS FOR ATTENDANCE OF
SCHOOL SPORTS**

WHEREAS, pursuant to I.C. 16-20-1-21, “[e]ach local health board has the responsibility and authority to take any action authorized by statute or rule of the state department to control communicable diseases”;

WHEREAS, pursuant to 410 IAC 1-2.3-51, entitled “General Control Powers,” local health officers or the commissioner may institute specific control measures following notifications of the existence of certain communicable diseases. The control measures include, but are not limited to, “restrictions upon the movements of cases or carriers or and their contacts as may be reasonably necessary to prevent the spread of disease”;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Executive Order 20-47, the Governor of Indiana has issued an Eighth Renewal of the *Public Health Emergency Declaration for the COVID-19 Outbreak*, effective on November 1, 2020 and expiring on December 1, 2020, unless further renewed;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Executive Order 20-48, the Governor of Indiana determined that “all Hoosiers, Hoosier businesses, and other individuals in the state must adhere to the directives in this Executive Order unless rescinded, modified, or extended,” by the Governor, and furthermore, “**Unless otherwise specified, nothing in this Executive Order prohibits a county and political subdivision from imposing more stringent requirements than this Executive Order requires**”;

Pursuant to Executive Order 20-48, the Clark County Health Department has been in contact with the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) regarding the Color Coded Metric formulated by ISDH;

Based upon the variables used to calculate the Color Coded Metric, Clark County has been identified as being in **orange zone**, meaning “Community spread is approaching high levels and a county has point score of 2.0 or 2.5”;

WHEREAS, Executive Order 20-48 set out certain requirements and restrictions applicable to attendance at K-12 extracurricular and co-curricular activities, including IHSAA sports events, and those restrictions include the following:

Attendance at winter indoor K-12 extracurricular and co-curricular activities, including IHSAA sport events, is limited to 25% capacity and additional measures should be taken to ensure all non-family/household groups are and remain socially distanced.

IHSAA football games on Friday, November, 20, 2020, may continue utilizing IHSAA guidance requiring local health departments and communities to determine stadium capacity. The IHSAA will work with the Marion County

health department on a limited spectator plan for state championship games at Lucas Oil Stadium.

WHEREAS, the Clark County Health Department has been monitoring COVID-19 transmission via case investigation data daily in an effort to make policy decisions based on facts and risk analysis. Virus transmission rates in the county have been steadily rising and is correlated with increased hospitalizations and fatalities associated with COVID-19. Using facts and data collected from the Indiana State Department of Health and internal analysis of school quarantines and staffing, the Clark County Health Department believes an intervention is necessary to protect the public health and wellbeing of all who live and work in Clark County.

WHEREAS, Quarantines have taken place at several schools in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Based upon reports and case investigations conducted with school exposures, these quarantines have proven effective. However, the data suggests community wide transmission of COVID-19 in Clark County. Therefore, the Clark County Health Officer has determined to implement additional attendance restrictions for K-12 extracurricular activities and sporting events at Clark County schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Clark County Health Department, by its authorized representative, does hereby order, effective this 20th day of November, 2020, at 12:01 a.m. that:

1. All K-12 extracurricular activities, including indoor and outdoor activities and sporting events, at Clark County schools will be restricted to event staff, players, and limited spectators. Spectators shall be limited to parents and household members of student athletes playing in the game, event, match, etc. for which they are attending. Household members shall mean individuals living in the same residence.
2. These restrictions apply to events in Clark County only, for events outside of Clark County contact the associated school system for guidance.
3. Nothing in this Order contradicts or limits any requirements contained in Executive Order 20-48, including restrictions and/or exemptions that apply under said Order;
4. This Order shall expire on the 4th day of December, 2020 at 12:01 a.m., unless rescinded, modified, or extended.



Dr. Eric B. Yazel,
Clark County Health Officer

Dated: 11/19/2020