

ORDER OF THE ADAMS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

(April 9, 2020)

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 to be a global pandemic, and on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency with respect to this virus; and

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020, the Governor of Indiana (the “**Governor**”) issued Executive Order 20-02, which declared that a public health emergency exists in Indiana as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (“COVID-19”), and on March 23, 2020 the Governor further issued Executive Order 20-08 that declared that all citizens of Indiana are to remain in their homes except for essential business and activities, and on April 6, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 20-18 extending and clarifying the stay-at-home order until April 20, 2020 ; and

WHEREAS, the State of Indiana has more than 6,000 positive cases of COVID-19 and more than 240 deaths; and

WHEREAS, there are currently over 440,000 positive cases of COVID-19 in the United States, and over 15,800 deaths; and

WHEREAS, I.C. §16-20-1-24 provides that a local health officer may forbid public gatherings when considered necessary to prevent and stop epidemics; and

WHEREAS, the orders and rules being issued by the State and Federal Governments concerning public gatherings during the COVID-19 outbreak have been fluid and rapidly changing; and

WHEREAS, reports have been received by the Adams County Health Department of workers traveling from locations outside of the State of Indiana to work at places of employment in Adams County, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Orders, only essential business are to remain open until April 20, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Indiana State Department of Health states that essential businesses that remain open must take steps to protect their employees, including that they shall comply with social distancing requirements established by the CDC, including maintaining six-foot social distancing for both employees and members of the general public at all times, and must utilize or employ other CDC recommended sanitation measures; and

WHEREAS, to protect the employees and citizens of Adams County, anyone who comes from a location outside the State of Indiana and/or the counties of Mercer and Van Wert, Ohio (border counties to Adams County) shall be self-quarantined for a period of fourteen (14) days before entering into the physical work place of an Adams County employer; and

NOW THEREFORE, Michael E. Ainsworth, M.D., as Adams County, Indiana Health Officer, does hereby ORDER and direct that all employers in Adams County shall take necessary steps to protect all employees from contracting the Coronavirus, and shall follow the requirements and recommendations of the CDC, including social distancing, until such time as the Governor's declaration of a Public Health Emergency is lifted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that before bringing an employee into the employer's existing workforce, an employer shall determine if the employee has been outside the State of Indiana or the counties of Mercer and Van Wert, Ohio during the previous fourteen (14) days; and if the employee has been outside of the State of Indiana or the counties of Mercer and Van Wert, Ohio during the previous fourteen (14) days, the employer shall require the employee to be self-quarantined at a location known to and monitored by the employer for a period of fourteen (14) days before allowing the employee to enter the employer's workforce.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the terms and provisions of this Order are applicable to all employers in Adams County, Indiana, whether designated as essential or non-essential.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the terms and provisions of this Order shall remain in full force and effect until the Governor's declaration of a Public Health Emergency is lifted.

The orders contained herein shall be effective immediately.

Dated this 9th day of April, 2020.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Ainsworth MD". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Michael E. Ainsworth, M.D.
Adams County, Indiana Health Officer