



## **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1, 2020**

### **DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the undersigned is the Mayor of the City of Fishers, Hamilton County, Indiana (“Fishers”);

WHEREAS, the novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) is a serious public-health threat which is transmitted from human-to-human and results in symptoms ranging from fever, cough, acute respiratory distress, pneumonia, and even death;

WHEREAS, the spread of COVID-19 throughout the United States and Indiana poses a severe and imminent threat to public health and requires aggressive response measures to slow the spread of the disease and mitigate its impact;

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control, the World Health Organization, and other federal and international public-health authorities indicates that the prevention of public gatherings and other social-distancing measures are effective countermeasures to prevent continued exponential spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, there are currently 24 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Indiana, which includes one confirmed case in Hamilton County and one death in Indiana;

WHEREAS, on or around January 31, 2020, the United States Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services declared COVID-19 a public health emergency for the United States;

WHEREAS, on or around March 6, 2020, Governor Holcomb issued Executive Order 20-02, declaring COVID-19 a public health emergency and issued guidance restricting all non-essential public gatherings of more than 250 people;

WHEREAS, on or around March 15, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control issued guidance recommending that no gatherings of more than 50 people take place for at least eight weeks;



WHEREAS, on or around March 16, 2020, the State of Indiana issued an order requiring bars, restaurants, and nightclubs to close to in-person patrons and restricted all non-essential public gatherings of more than 50 people;

WHEREAS, on or around March 16, 2020, the President of the United States issued guidance recommending that no gatherings of more than 10 people take place for up to fifteen (15) days;

WHEREAS, Ind. Code §10-14-3-29 provides the Mayor with the authority to declare a “local disaster emergency” which activates the response and recovery of all applicable local or interjurisdictional disaster emergency plans and authorizes the furnishing of aid and assistance under the plans; and

WHEREAS, Ind. Code §10-14-3-29.5 allows the Mayor to issue a local travel advisory as part of an emergency declaration.

NOW, THEREFORE, under the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Fishers, Hamilton County, Indiana, IT IS HEREBY DECLARED THAT:

1. A local disaster emergency exists in the City of Fishers, which is attributable to COVID-19 in accordance with Ind. Code §10-14-3-29.
2. A local travel advisory “Watch” is hereby declared pursuant to Ind. Code §10-14-3-29.5(a)(2) effective March 17, 2020 at 8:00am. All non-essential travel should be avoided. This travel advisory does not effect travel in Fishers 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; and (4) travel required to obtain food, groceries, medication, or essential household goods and personal hygiene products. This local travel advisory does not affect travel in Fishers relating to food delivery or to the resupply of retail stores, pharmacies, and food pantries.
3. All employers in Fishers are strongly encouraged to allow for teleworking arrangements to the maximum extent possible to minimize the amount of mandatory work travel.



4. All public offices and employees of the City of Fishers 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.
5. 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.
6. This Declaration will be in effect until a further declaration is issued or as determined by me as the Mayor of the City of Fishers. However, this Declaration will not continue for more than seven (7) days from its effective date absent the consent of the Fishers Common Council.
7. This order is being filed with the City Clerk in accordance with Ind. Code §10-14-3 *et. seq.*

This Declaration is effective this 17th day of March, 2020.

CITY OF FISHERS

Scott Fadness  
Mayor

Attest:

Christopher P. Greisl, City Attorney