



**CITY OF FISHERS HEALTH DEPARTMENT
PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER 03-2021**

WHEREAS, on or around March 6, 2020, Governor Holcomb issued Executive Order 20-02 (“EO 20-02”), declaring Coronavirus Disease 19 (“COVID-19”) a public health emergency and issued certain guidance to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 throughout the State;

WHEREAS, throughout the pandemic, Governor Holcomb has issued over fifty (50) executive orders to protect the public health, welfare, and safety of the State;

WHEREAS, on or around July 20, 2020, the Health Officer for the City of Fishers, Hamilton County, Indiana (“Fishers”) issued Public Health Order 01-2020 (“Health Order 1”), generally requiring all people in Fishers who are 5 years of age or older, to wear a face covering to prevent the spread of COVID-19, which has been extended by subsequent public health orders through April 8, 2021;

WHEREAS, throughout the pandemic, the Health Officer has issued over ten (10) local public health orders, all in an attempt to protect the public health, welfare, and safety of the City of Fishers, Hamilton County, Indiana (“Fishers”);

WHEREAS, on or around March 23, 2021, Governor Holcomb announced that (i) the State’s order mandating county-based restrictions, which were originally implemented on or around November 15, 2020, would not be renewed for a fifth time, and would convert all prior mandates into general recommendations on April 6, 2021, (ii) the Statewide mask mandate would convert into a Statewide mask advisory on April 6, 2021, and (iii) the Governor’s declaration of a public health disaster emergency would be extended through April 30, 2021;

WHEREAS, as of March 26, 2021, the Department has administered approximately 12,500 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine and reports that approximately 33.43% of Fishers’ population has received its 1st dose of the COVID-19 vaccine;

WHEREAS, the Health Officer is now issuing this Public Health Order 03-2021 (“Order 03-2021” or this “Order”) to (i) rescind all previously issued local public health orders, and (ii) to provide continued education and guidance; and



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WHEREAS, nothing by way of this Order prohibits the Health Officer from taking actions through subsequent public health orders in accordance with Ind. Code §§ 16-20-1 *et seq.*, 16-20-4 *et seq.*, 16-41-9 *et seq.*, and §173 of the City of Fishers Code of Ordinances, all in an attempt to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 throughout Fishers and to protect the public health, welfare, and safety of our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, under the authority vested in me as Health Officer for the City of Fishers, Hamilton County, Indiana, I HEREBY ORDER the following, effective April 6, 2021 at 12:00 AM:

Section 1. Termination of Public Health Orders. All local public health orders currently in effect are hereby rescinded.

Section 2. General Guidance to the Community.

Every individual in Fishers (unless medically contraindicated) is encouraged to get a COVID-19 vaccination at their first opportunity (as determined by the State of Indiana). All businesses, community organizations, and other groups are strongly encouraged to develop solutions to assure all eligible employees, organization members, and individuals served are offered an opportunity to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

Fishers' residents are strongly encouraged to continue adhering to best practices regarding COVID-19, including, without limitation, the following:

- All individuals over the age of two (2) years old are strongly recommended to wear a facemask or appropriate facial covering in all indoor public spaces or gatherings involving more than two (2) households, and in all crowded or high-traffic outdoor spaces where persons from multiple households are interacting;
- All individuals are strongly recommended to continue frequent hand washing and sanitizing protocols;
- All individuals are strongly recommended to maintain six (6) feet of distancing when interacting with or near individuals who have not yet been vaccinated or whose vaccination status is unknown; and
- All individuals are strongly recommended to keep themselves informed of the latest trends in COVID-19 spread in the community and the spread in any travel destinations, and to consider the safety of the community and its residents in their actions and decision making. Failure to take



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proper actions may result in the issuance of subsequent public health orders for the community.

The Department will continue to update COVID-19 mitigation strategies at <https://www.fishers.in.us/1161/COVID-19/>.

Section 3. This Order shall be in effect on April 6, 2021 at 12:00 AM and remain in effect unless otherwise rescinded by a subsequent public health order. This Order is issued pursuant to Ind. Code §§ 16-20-1 *et seq.*, 16-20-4 *et seq.*, 16-41-9 *et seq.*, and §173 of the City of Fishers Code of Ordinances. This Order is supplemental to and should be construed in conjunction with all Executive Orders issued by Governor Holcomb.

SO ORDERED, this 31st day of March, 2021.

FISHERS HEALTH DEPARTMENT,



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Chief Medical Director

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