City of Bloomington
Common Council

Legislative Packet – 2nd Addendum
(Issued on Wednesday, 22 July 2020)

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Wednesday, 22 July 2020

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RESOLUTION 20-11

SUPPORTING A PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER AND REGULATION OF THE MONROE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND AN EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE MAYOR

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and can be easily spread from person to person; and

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020, the Governor declared that a public health emergency exists in Indiana due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Governor’s declaration of a public health emergency has been repeatedly renewed and currently extends to at least August 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, to help slow the spread of COVID-19, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend wearing face coverings in public and when around non-household members, especially when other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain; and

WHEREAS, on July 17, 2020, in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Monroe County Health Department issued a public health order that requires face coverings be worn in certain circumstances effective July 17, 2020, and that new regulations regarding the size of gatherings and service in bars, restaurants, and nightclubs be in effect July 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on July 20, 2020, Mayor Hamilton issued Executive Order 20-02 stating that the City wholeheartedly supports the provisions of the County order but moves the effective date of the new regulations on the size of gatherings and service in bars, restaurants, and nightclubs to July 23, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on July 21, 2020, the Monroe County Board of Health approved a public health regulation that supports the July 17 Monroe County Health Department public health order; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council concurs that it is in the best interests of the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City of Bloomington to follow the Monroe County Health Department’s public health order, the Board of Health’s public health regulation, and Executive Order 20-02 issued by the Mayor, and that these orders and regulations be supported to help prevent the spread of coronavirus within our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, MONROE COUNTY, INDIANA, THAT;

SECTION 1. The City of Bloomington hereby expresses its approval and support for the Monroe County Health Department’s public health order, the Board of Health’s public health regulation, and the Mayor’s Executive Order 20-02 and urges individuals within the city to follow the requirements contained within these documents.

SECTION 2. The City of Bloomington reserves the right to adopt an ordinance or to issue an order imposing additional regulations needed to protect the health, safety, and welfare of city residents.
PASSED by the Common Council of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana upon this ______ day of ____________________, 2020.

STEPHEN VOLAN, President
Bloomington Common Council

ATTEST:

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NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk
City of Bloomington
PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, upon this ______ day of ____________________, 2020.

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NICOLE BOLDEN, Clerk
City of Bloomington

SIGNED and APPROVED by me upon this ______ day of ____________________, 2020.

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JOHN HAMILTON, Mayor
City of Bloomington

SYNOPSIS

This resolution expresses approval and support for the Monroe County Health Department’s Public Health Order issued July 17, 2020, the Mayor’s Executive Order 20-02 issued July 20, 2020, and the Monroe County Board of Health’s Public Health Regulation issued July 21, 2020.

Note: This resolution was revised after release in the Council Legislative Packet but before introduction at the July 22 Regular Session. The revisions included adding language to support the Mayor’s Executive Order 20-02 and to support the Board of Health’s regulation passed July 21.
EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-02

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON EFFECTIVE DATES FOR
MONROE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER DATED JULY 17, 2020

PURSUANT TO STATE AND LOCAL LAW,
INCLUDING INDIANA CODE §§ 36-8-2-4 and 5, and § 36-1-3 et seq.

WHEREAS, the City of Bloomington, Indiana ("City") recognizes the significant challenges presented by the novel coronavirus disease, also known as "COVID-19," which has posed a serious public health threat to our community and was declared a global pandemic by the World Health Organization on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Indiana’s Governor declared a statewide disaster emergency pursuant to Indiana Code 10-14-3 in his Executive Order 20-02, which has been renewed four times, most recently in Executive Order 20-34 which expires on August 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on Friday, July 17th, the Monroe County Health Department issued a Public Health Order ("County Order"), citing "the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the recent increase of new cases nationwide with a trend towards cases in a younger population, Monroe County’s increasing and dynamic population, and [the need] to ensure that physical distancing and preventive measures vital to the mitigation of the pandemic remain in place;" and

WHEREAS, the County Order was effective Friday, July 17, 2020 at 5:00 p.m., with the exception of measures outlined in Paragraphs 7-9 of the County Order, which have an effective date of July 31st at 12:00 noon; and

WHEREAS, the City wholeheartedly supports the provisions of the County Order, but believes that due to circumstances and conditions within its boundaries, including its population mix of full-time residents and Indiana University students hailing from across the country, the lack of sufficient testing to meet the demand for tests in Monroe County, and the fact that off campus students enrolling at Indiana University for the fall semester of 2020 will not be required to undergo COVID testing prior to their arrival in Bloomington, the City must expedite the effective dates for the requirements of Paragraphs 7-9 of the County Order for the protection of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Mayor of the City of Bloomington, Indiana, it is hereby ordered:

1. Within the City of Bloomington, the requirements of Paragraph 7 of the County Order shall be effective on July 23, 2020 at 12:00
p.m. (noon). As of that date and time, gatherings at all non-commercial events held within the boundaries of the City of Bloomington shall be limited to no more than fifty (50) persons. Such gatherings include private gatherings or those held at a personal residence (including fraternities and sororities located in the City of Bloomington and on or off the Indiana University campus). All other provisions of Paragraph 7 of the County Order except for the effective date and time shall remain as set forth in the County Order. Face covering and physical distancing requirements apply to these gatherings.

2. **Within the City of Bloomington, the requirements of Paragraph 8 of the County Order shall be effective on July 23, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. (noon).** As of that date and time, gatherings at all commercial events held within the boundaries of the City of Bloomington, or those held at venues that are, in the normal course of business, offered to the general public for rent or use within the boundaries of the City of Bloomington, shall be limited to no more than one hundred (100) people if the gathering is held inside, or one hundred fifty (150) people if the gathering is held outside. All other provisions of Paragraph 8 of the County Order except for the effective date and time shall remain as set forth in the County Order. Face covering and physical distancing requirements apply to these gatherings.

3. **Within the City of Bloomington, the requirements of Paragraph 9 of the County Order shall be effective on July 23, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. (noon).** As of that date and time, restaurants, bars and nightclubs within the boundaries of the City of Bloomington must have and require table-top seating for all patrons and must require patrons to remain seated at tables, and may not have bar-top service. They must follow the following requirements:
   a. They are encouraged to use outdoor seating as much as possible.
   b. Groups of patrons must be spaced at least six (6) feet apart.
   c. Party size must be limited to ten (10) people or fewer at each table.
   d. Air ventilation should be increased to maximum capacity, or at least six (6) air changes per hour.

4. Except as set forth above, all other provisions of the County Order shall be applicable in the City of Bloomington as written in the County Order.
5. Executive Order No. 20-02 is hereby established and is effective immediately. This Order shall expire on August 1, 2020, or if the County Order is amended to extend the effective date of July 31, 2020 for Paragraphs 7-9, then on such later date as contained in the amendment.

DATED this 20th day of July, 2020.

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

By: [Signature]
John Hamilton, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

By: [Signature]
Philippa Guthrie, Corporation Counsel
In light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the recent increase of new cases nationwide with a trend toward cases in a younger population, Monroe County’s increasing and dynamic population, and to ensure that physical distancing and preventive measures vital to the mitigation of the pandemic remain in place, I hereby order as follows, effective Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 12:00 p.m./Noon (unless otherwise stated below, as in Paragraphs 7-9):

1. Unless an exception as stated in Paragraph 2, below, applies, ALL individuals must wear a face shield, face covering, or mask (collectively referred to, hereinafter, as “face covering”) over their nose and mouth when in an indoor place other than their own home or the home of an immediate family member, or when outdoors in a situation where adequate physical distancing of at least 6 feet is not possible (including outdoor public gatherings).

While a face shield is made of a harder, plastic-like material, an acceptable face covering or mask under this Order means a covering made of cloth, fabric, or other soft or permeable material that completely covers the nose and mouth and surrounding areas of the lower face. .

This face covering requirement generally applies in all situations below, unless specifically and explicitly exempted below.
g. Individuals for whom wearing a face covering would present a risk to their safety while at work, as determined by local, state, or federal workplace safety regulations.

h. Individuals who are incarcerated.

i. Individuals who are engaged in a form of indoor exercise that is incompatible with wearing a face covering, including swimming.

j. Individuals who are seated at a restaurant, bar, or other establishment that serves food and/or drink. However, individuals entering and exiting restaurants or bars, or congregating in waiting areas or common areas of restaurants or bars (including bathrooms), must wear face coverings.

k. Individuals who are engaged in outdoor physical exercise, including running, jogging, walking, bicycling, or swimming, if in groups of less than 25.

l. Bona fide emergency situations in which a person lacks the time or the means to put on a face covering before entering an indoor or outdoor public space.

Individuals who are outdoors and are maintaining at least 6 feet of distance from others who are not part of their household.

3. All businesses and public accommodations which are open to the public must ensure that all customers and/or visitors are complying with the face covering and physical-distancing requirements of Paragraph 1 above. Businesses or public accommodations that fail to enforce compliance with face covering and physical-distancing requirements in Paragraph 1 are subject to enforcement action, up to and including closure.

4. When individuals must interact with one another outside their own home, including at work, and at essential and non-essential businesses, they should observe the following precautions:

a. Maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from other individuals who are not part of their own household;

b. Wash their hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds as frequently as possible, or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol when soap and water are not available;

c. Cover all coughs and sneezes with a tissue that can then be disposed;

d. Disinfect frequently used surfaces;

e. Avoid sharing food, drinks, and utensils;

f. Refrain from sharing of office supplies and equipment (such as pens, staplers, and computer keyboards);

g. Frequently clean communal office equipment (such as printers and copiers);

h. Increase ventilation of indoor spaces, by opening windows or adjusting air conditioning, as much as possible;

i. Hold all necessary meetings by telephone or videoconference whenever possible; and

j. Refrain from shaking hands or engaging in other physical contact with the hands or face of another person.

5. For academic and extra-curricular activities, all K-12 schools in Monroe County should follow the guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Indiana Department of Education up to and including closure.
Face covering and physical distancing requirements in Paragraph 1 apply to these gatherings.
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