

HR Tracker, ¶46,790, Indiana governor issues stay at home order; nonessential businesses ordered closed — STATE LAW, (Mar. 30, 2020)

Indiana Governor Eric J. Holcomb delivered a statewide address on March 23, 2020, to order that Hoosiers remain in their homes except when they are at work or for permitted activities, such as taking care of others, obtaining necessary supplies, and for health and safety. The order is in effect from March 25 to April 7.

Beginning Tuesday, March 24, all state government offices will be closed to in-person public activity until at least April 7. This includes the Government Center complex in Indianapolis and other offices throughout the state, including Bureau of Motor Vehicle branches. State employees will work remotely whenever possible and continue to provide core functions online and by phone. All public safety functions will continue.

In all, Governor Holcomb issued four executive orders:

E.O. 20-08. Stay at Home. Provides for essential and non-essential business and operations, infrastructure, government services, travel, and activities outside of one's home. Individuals may leave their homes only for essential activities, essential government functions, or to participate in essential business and operations. Non-essential businesses must cease operations except for minimum basic operations. Businesses may continue operations exclusively of employees or contractors performing activities at their own homes or residences, i.e., working from home.

Essential businesses are encouraged to remain open but must comply with social distancing requirements, including maintaining six-foot distances for both employees and members of the general public at all times, including when standing in line.

Frequently asked questions regarding the stay-at-home order can be found [here](#).

E.O. 20-09. Continuity of State Operations. Provides for the continuing operation of state government from 5 p.m. March 23, 2020, through 8 a.m. April 7 with restricted access to government buildings and services.

E.O. 20-10. Enforcement Directive Regarding Prohibition of In-Person Dining. Directs that state and local boards of health and the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission (ATC) take all available administrative and enforcement actions against establishments that continue to offer in-house dining services, in violation of the governor's executive order of March 16. Health departments will deliver letters ordering restaurants that continue to provide in-person dining to cease such operations. If they do not comply, fines will be levied. For restaurants with alcohol permits that continue to offer in-person dining, the ATC will issue an order in writing for the establishment to cease such operations. If the activity continues, the ATC will suspend the entity's liquor license and will consider the non-compliance at the time of permit renewal.

E.O. 20-11. Provisions for carryout consumption of alcohol. Relaxes the sale of carryout alcoholic beverages for dining establishments. This includes establishments that allow for on-premises consumption only and those that are permitted carryout permits dependent on a percentage of on-premises sales.

Source: State of Indiana, Office of the Governor, Press Release, March 23, 2020; Governor Holcomb's "Address to the State Regarding COVID-19", March 23, 2020.