

Governor Extends Stay-at-Home Order, Looks Ahead to Opening Economy

To continue our state's efforts to curb the spread of [COVID-19](#), Gov. Holcomb announced Indiana's stay-at-home executive order will be extended through Friday, May 1.

The latest order loosens some restrictions on what services hospitals can provide and clarifies that garden centers and pet grooming facilities may be open as long as they practice social distancing.

Hoosiers should remain in their homes except when performing essential work, personal duties or obligations. To view frequently asked questions on the governor's stay-at-home order, click [here](#).

In addition, in order to provide some guidance for those churches that wish to have services, the governor has issued updated recommendations that can be found [here](#).

Though the stay-at-home order remains in place, state leaders are actively working on plans to make sure Indiana is positioned to get back to work quickly when it is safe to do so.

Gov. Holcomb recently announced that his administration is working with many different industry and business leaders to identify best practices for workplace safety in light of the novel coronavirus. Identifying best practices for keeping customers and employees safe will allow our state to make a smooth transition when we are able to begin the process of reopening businesses.

In addition, the governor has created the Economic Relief and Recovery Team. This group of experts will work to plan, administer and account for federal relief funds the state of Indiana receives from the CARES Act to make sure the funds are used properly and quickly.

I will continue working with my fellow lawmakers in the Senate and House of Representatives as well as the governor and his team as we look toward reopening the state. There's no doubt that Hoosiers are eager to get out, get together and get to work again. These efforts will go a long way in making sure Indiana can hit the ground running when that time comes.

