

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020 BCCO-17**  
**A CONTINUED DIRECTIVE OF THE**  
**HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGARDING COVID-19**

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, the Howard County Board of Commissioners adopted Ordinance 2020- BCCO-13 in direct response to the immediate threat to Howard County and its citizens posed by the Coronavirus/COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 18, 2020, the Howard County Board of Commissioners, pursuant to IC 10-14-3-29 and 29.5, and IC 36-8-2, adopted Ordinance 2020-BCCO-14, declaring a local disaster health emergency to exist and placing Howard County on a Watch (Orange) travel advisory; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 20, 2020, the Howard County Board of Commissioners issued its emergency order in furtherance of the above ordinances, prohibiting the sale and purchase of certain nonessential goods; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 3, 2020 the Howard County Board of Commissioners, pursuant to the statutory authority cited above, adopted Ordinance 2020-BCCO-15 whereby the local disaster health emergency and WATCH (Orange) travel advisory were extended to April 19, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 23, 2020 Indiana Governor Eric J. Holcomb issued Executive Order 20-08 which required all persons residing in Indiana to stay at home except for, among other things, conducting essential travel and activities, participating in the operation of essential businesses or the operation of essential government functions; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 6, 2020 Governor Holcomb issued Executive Order 20-18 which, in large part, incorporated the terms and provisions of Executive Order 20-08, with some modifications, and which remained in full force and effect until April 20, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 16, 2020 the Howard County Board of Commissioners adopted Ordinance 2020-BCCO-16 whereby the declaration of local disaster emergency and Orange travel advisory were extended until 11:59 p.m. on May 4, 2020, County government public meetings were cancelled until May 4, 2020, and all businesses were permitted to open for delivery or curbside pickup; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 1, 2020 Governor Holcomb announced the Back on Track Indiana program for the reopening of Indiana; and

**WHEREAS**, the Howard County Board of Commissioners recognizes the benefit to citizens and businesses of aligning its orders with the Governor's Back on Track Indiana program unless, and in full compliance with Indiana law, the evolving public health emergency in Howard County requires more stringent measures. To that end, the Howard County Board of Commissioners continues to reserve the authority to issue such orders as are necessary and prudent for Howard County residents and businesses.

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners, pursuant to IC 10-14-3-29(a)(2) and IC 36-8-2, is authorized to extend the declaration of local disaster emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners is authorized pursuant to IC 36-8-2-4 to regulate conduct or use of property that might endanger the public health, safety or welfare, to impose restrictions on persons that might cause others to contract disease, and to regulate business for public health and safety purposes:

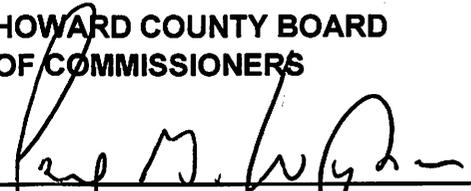
**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Howard County Board of Commissioners does hereby declare:

- 1) The WATCH (Orange) local travel advisory will expire at 11:59 p.m. on May 3, 2020. Essential travel only restrictions are lifted. Local non-essential travel is permitted.
- 2) The declaration of local disaster emergency is hereby extended to May 24, 2020.
- 3) The Back on Track Indiana program for reopening adopted by the State of Indiana and set to begin on May 4, 2020 is hereby adopted in full and will be implemented in Howard County.
- 4) Social gatherings of 25 people may take place following CDC social distancing guidelines.
- 5) Howard County residents are recommended to wear face coverings in public settings and to continue to practice social distancing.
- 6) Howard County residents 65 and over and those with high-risk health conditions should remain at home whenever possible.
- 7) Pursuant to Governor Holcomb's Back on Track Indiana program, local governments may impose more restrictive guidelines.

**This Ordinance is effective at 5:00 p.m. on May 1, 2020.**

**Read and adopted this 1st day of May, 2020.**

**HOWARD COUNTY BOARD  
OF COMMISSIONERS**

  
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Paul G. Wyman, President

  
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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Martha J. Lake, Auditor