To the Residents of Hancock County:

Today Governor Holcomb issued Executive Order 20-08 styled Directive for Hoosiers to Stay at Home. The Order directs us to follow certain steps to curb the spread of COVID-19 in our state and community. The full text of the order, in addition to a FAQ, explaining the order can be found at www.in.gov/Coronavirus.

The Hancock County Board of Commissioners urges all residents to read the full text of the order to fully understand it. We want to emphasize that most of the Governor’s directives were already part of our own response and request under the Orange Travel Advisory and were already being followed by our community. The citizens and businesses in our county have reacted responsibly to these directives and closures and the consequential disruptions to our lives.

We will continue to follow these directives by practicing social distancing, limiting unnecessary gatherings, and encouraging work from home wherever possible. Grocery Stores, Pharmacies, Gas Stations, Health Care Facilities, and other essential businesses as outlined in the order will remain open so that we have the capability to transact necessary business. Law enforcement will NOT be stopping residents to determine if travel is essential so we are on the honor system. We ask that each individual comply with the directives and make the determination themselves with the health and well-being of not only themselves, but the entire community at the forefront of your thinking and consideration.

County offices will remain open pursuant to the existing parameters under our previous directive. Members of the public may still do business by appointment only.

Please continue to wash hands, maintain six feet of distance from others, cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing, limit travel under the directive, and look out for one another as we have always done here in this community. We will ultimately prevail in this crisis and our lives will return to normal. Until then please commit to following the aforementioned directives.

The Commissioners remain very sensitive to the fact that it is of paramount importance, in conjunction with the health of our citizens, that we maintain commerce and business. We ask that in the spirit of our great country and community that we unite in our efforts and personal responsibility to fight the spread of this virus until it is defeated.

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