



Whitley County Commissioners

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In an effort to support and abide by Governor Holcomb's Executive Order 02-08 for Stay At Home Directive associated with COVID-19 at a local level, the Whitley County Commissioners have evaluated the success of programs initiated last week limiting public access to County Government Buildings.

At this time, the Commissioners believe the steps taken to minimize face to face interaction while still keeping Critical/Essential Government Departments open and functioning has been valuable. Whitley County Commissioners will continue to evaluate the health and safety of all residents as well as the functions of Government Operations on a weekly basis.

Commissioner Don Amber states "We believe we are operating with due diligence and maximum protection of our employees and the public at this time, by continuing our restricted access/by appointment only if necessary to all County Government Offices."

All residents are encouraged to adhere to the guidance of only essential travel to and from work and travel for essential supplies and services. Be mindful to limit your time and social distancing in all public places such as grocery stores or pharmacies.

Whitley County Health Officer Dr. Mark Burkett continues to recommend personal hygiene including washing hands before you touch your mouth, nose or eyes along with social distancing as the best way to avoid becoming infected with the virus. The best way to protect others is to stay home if you or your family is sick.

Together we will navigate the situation and keep each other and our community safe!