

STATE OF INDIANA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT INDIANAPOLIS

EXECUTIVE ORDER 21-28

**FOR: TWENTIETH RENEWAL OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY
DECLARATION FOR THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK**

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

- WHEREAS,** on March 6, 2020, I issued Executive Order 20-02 which declared a public health emergency exists throughout the State of Indiana as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and a confirmed report that the disease had spread to the State of Indiana;
- WHEREAS,** on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 to be a global pandemic, and, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency with respect to this dangerous virus;
- WHEREAS,** Ind. Code § 10-14-3-12(a) provides that a state of disaster emergency shall continue until the Governor: (1) determines that the threat or danger has passed or that the disaster has been dealt with to the extent that emergency conditions no longer exist; and (2) terminates the state of disaster emergency by executive order or proclamation;
- WHEREAS,** Ind. Code § 10-14-3-12(a) also provides that a state of disaster emergency may not continue for longer than thirty (30) days unless the state of disaster emergency is renewed by the Governor;
- WHEREAS,** since the initial declaration of emergency I have issued subsequent Executive Orders renewing the state of disaster emergency for additional thirty (30) day periods as set forth in Executive Orders 20-17, - 25, -30, -34, -38, -41, -44, -47, -49, -52, 21-03, -05, -08, -11, -14, -16, -18, -22 and -26;
- WHEREAS,** Executive Order 21-26, issued on September 30, 2021, and effective October 1, 2021, is the most recent renewal of the state of disaster emergency and is currently set to expire on October 31, 2021;
- WHEREAS,** as of the date of this Executive Order, the virus remains in every county throughout Indiana with over one million confirmed cases and over 16,000 deaths;
- WHEREAS,** our vaccination program and efforts continue with over 3.3 million Hoosiers fully vaccinated out of 5.7 million eligible. However, only 57.3% of eligible Hoosiers are fully vaccinated;
- WHEREAS,** throughout the Hoosier state, we are seeing a decrease in new confirmed cases and hospitalizations since the most recent peak in mid-September, demonstrated by a 7-day average positivity rate of over 10% three months ago, over 9% two months ago, 7.6% a month ago, and 7.5% now; however, over 1000 Hoosiers have been diagnosed daily with COVID for the past three months, and tragically we are currently averaging 17 deaths per day from COVID-19;
- WHEREAS,** for the week ending October 16, 2021, 830 of the 834 new COVID-19 patients admitted to the hospital were unvaccinated; 128 of 135 COVID-19 patients admitted to intensive care units (ICU) were unvaccinated; and 153 of 168 COVID-19 deaths were unvaccinated individuals;
- WHEREAS,** despite significant steps being taken in our State, the virus remains a threat to the health, safety and welfare of all residents of Indiana such that emergency conditions continue to exist, and efforts are needed to continue to address, control and reduce the threat posed by COVID-19; and
- WHEREAS,** in light of the above, it is necessary and proper to take further action to protect the health, safety and welfare of all Hoosiers in connection with COVID-19 and, specifically, to renew the state of disaster emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eric J. Holcomb, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor by the Indiana Constitution and the laws of the State of Indiana, do hereby order that:

1. The declaration of a public health disaster emergency set forth in Executive Order 20-02 as renewed in Executive Orders 20-17, -25, -30, -34, -38, -41, -44, -47, -49, -52, 21-03, -05, -08, -11, -14, -16, -18, -22 & 26 is hereby renewed for an additional thirty (30) day period beyond its current expiration date of October 31, 2021.
2. This renewal of the COVID-19 public health emergency shall become effective on November 1, 2021, and shall now expire on December 1, 2021, unless further renewed.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, Eric J. Holcomb, have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Indiana, on this 29th day of October, 2021.

Eric Holcomb

Eric J. Holcomb
Governor of Indiana

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ATTEST:

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Secretary of State