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Statutes Affected: IC 16-41-2

The specific control measures for COVID-19 (infectious agent: SARS-CoV-2 virus) are as follows:

- (1) COVID-19-associated deaths shall be reported to the local health officer and Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) according to the Communicable Disease Reporting Rule, 410 IAC 1-2.5-75.
- (2) Individuals who test positive should notify their close contacts of potential exposure. Close contacts are defined as any individual within six feet of an infected person for a total of 15 minutes or more within a 24-hour period.
- (3) Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 should stay home and away from others (including people within the same household who are not sick) for at least 24 hours.
- (4) After 24 hours, normal activities may be resumed if both of the following are true:
 - i. Overall symptoms improve
 - ii. Fever-free (and not using fever-reducing medication)

Upon return to normal activities, extra precautions throughout the next five days are recommended, such as taking additional steps for cleaner air, hygiene, masks, physical distancing, and/or testing when you will be around other people indoors. This is especially important to protect people with factors that increase their risk of severe illness from respiratory viruses. This includes older adults, people with weakened immune systems, people with disabilities, pregnant women, and individuals with certain health conditions.

- (5) Guidance from The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) should be followed by all U.S. settings where healthcare is delivered, including long-term care facilities (as well as assisted living, skilled nursing and nursing facilities) and home health:
<https://www.cdc.gov/covid/hcp/infection-control/index.html>.
- (6) For outbreak control in correctional health settings (including homeless service sites), current guidelines for exposure, quarantine, and isolation should be followed as directed by the CDC:
<https://www.cdc.gov/correctional-health/about/guidance.html>.

- (7) For outbreak control in schools or institutions of higher education follow the current guidelines as directed by the CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/orr/school-preparedness/infection-prevention/index.html>.
- (8) Assisted living facilities and other high-risk congregate settings (including schools or institutions of higher education) should notify the Infectious Disease Epidemiology and Prevention Division (IDEPD) at IDOH of COVID-19 outbreaks.
- (9) COVID-19 vaccine should be offered to all healthy, eligible individuals without medical contraindications. Providers must obtain consent from a parent or guardian for any individual under age 18 who is eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.
- (10) The CDC and the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) set the standard clinical and laboratory case definition: <https://ndc.services.cdc.gov/case-definitions/coronavirus-disease-2019-2023/>.

