



ST. JOSEPH COUNTY

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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Saint Joseph County Disaster Declaration

Authority

Whereas, Saint Joseph County, Indiana has been impacted by or is immediately threatened by the worldwide pandemic known as COVID-19.

Date: 3/26/2020

Situation Assessment: Global Pandemic (COVID-19) Affecting Saint Joseph County, Indiana.

Estimated Duration of Hazard: 30 days

Termination Date: 4/2/2020 (To be renewed if warranted)

Now, therefore, we, the Saint Joseph County Board of Commissioners, declare that a local disaster emergency exists in the County and that we hereby invoke and declare those portions of the Indiana Code which are applicable to the conditions and have caused the issuance of this proclamation, to be in full force and effect in the County for the exercise of all necessary emergency authority for protection of the lives and property of the people of this County and the restoration of local government with a minimum of interruption.

Reference is hereby made to all appropriate laws, statutes, ordinances, and resolutions and particularly to Indiana Code 10-14-3-29.

All public offices and employees of Saint Joseph County are hereby directed to exercise the utmost diligence in the discharge of duties required of them for the duration of the emergency and in execution of emergency laws, regulations, and directives—state and local.

All citizens are called upon and directed to comply with necessary emergency measures, to cooperate with public officials and disaster services forces in executing emergency operations plans, and to obey and comply with the lawful directions of properly identified officers. In an effort to comply with safety regulations provided by the CDC, a local travel “Watch” is hereby declared pursuant to Ind. Code 10-14-3-29.5 affective 3/26/2020. All non-essential travel should be avoided. This travel restriction does not affect travel in Saint Joseph County for the following purposes: (1) travel relating to medical care or diagnostic testing for oneself or another; (2) travel required to provide care to another for whom the traveler is a primary caregiver; (3) travel for employment activities; and (4) travel required to obtain food, groceries, fuel, medication, meals provided by a school for a student, or essential household goods and personal hygiene products. This local travel restriction does not affect travel in Saint Joseph County relating to food delivery or to the resupply of retail stores, pharmacies, and food pantries.

All operating forces will direct their communications and requests for assistance and operations directly to the Saint Joseph County Emergency Operating Center.

In witness, whereof, we have hereunto set our hand this 26th day of March, 2020.



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Saint Joseph County Board of Commissioners

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Attest: 

Michael Hamann
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