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MOST COUNTY OFFICES TO REMAIN CLOSED IN EFFORT TO SLOW THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

Today, Governor Eric Holcomb announced he will be not extending his Stay at Home Order. Upon the recommendation of the St. Joseph County Health Department, St. Joseph County, as it relates to County buildings and employees, will maintain the status quo and remain closed through Friday, May 8, 2020.

St. Joseph County will comply with all other aspects of the Governor's order as it relates to travel, business, recreation, and entertainment. The County Health Department will continue to monitor this matter over the forthcoming days and weeks.

During this unprecedented time, the Board is appreciative of how county offices have risen to the occasion and found creative ways of still serving the public, albeit mostly remotely. Whether it is through increased phone interactions or through online forms and email, the public can rest assured that the essential functions of county government continue.

The County-City Building will remain open for people needing to access the Health Department's Immunization Clinic, but all other offices will be closed to walk-in traffic. Many services are available online through the county's website, <http://sjcindiana.com>.

Residents are encouraged to contact county departments via phone and email. A full directory of county offices is available online at <http://sjcindiana.com/directory>.

Persons needing to conduct business with the courts should utilize drop boxes located in Courthouse 1 and should utilize the main entrance located at 101 S. Main St., South Bend, IN 46601. During this time, the courts will be performing some essential functions.

The Mishawaka Annex will also remain closed through May 8, 2020.

The County Health Department will continue to monitor this health issue in St. Joseph County to determine if this county office closure needs to be extended.

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