

PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER
NOBLE COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER
NOVEMBER 18, 2020

(This Order is more restrictive than Executive Order 20-48 in that it sets upper limits on the Social Gathering/Event Safety Plans that will be reviewed by the Noble County Health Department as well as in other regards. It is in no way less restrictive.)

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the recent surge of new cases and related hospitalizations in Noble County, and pursuant to the authority granted in Governor Eric Holcomb's Executive Order 20-48 issued November 13, 2020 (hereinafter referred to as Executive Order 20-48 or the Executive Order), and the authority granted by I.C. 16-41-9-1.6, I, the Noble County, Indiana, Health Officer ORDER the following local restrictions for Noble County, Indiana, which are in addition to those set forth Executive Order 20-48. The definitions and provisions of Executive Order 20-48 are incorporated here in their entirety by reference. This Order shall become effective at 12:01 a.m. on November 22, 2020 and shall expire at 11:59 PM on December 12, 2020.

1. Social Gatherings

Pursuant to Section 7.c. of Executive Order 20-48, Social Gatherings (as defined by the Executive Order) are limited in number pursuant to the applicable color designation for the County as indicated in the Executive Order. The Executive Order provides that if the host of the Social Gathering cannot cancel, postpone, or reduce the number of individuals expected to be present at the Social Gathering to comply with the applicable limit, then the host shall seek and obtain approval of a safety plan for the Social Gathering from the local Health Department. It is hereby ORDERED that no such plan shall be approved by the Noble County Health Department unless the number of people to be present at the Social Gathering shall be less than the following according to the applicable color-coded metric designation and unless the safety plan is submitted with the Noble County Health Department COVID-19 Gathering & Events Plan Review Submission cover sheet indicating that the host will comply with the safety provisions contained in Section 7.f. of the Executive Order.

Orange: 250
Red: 100

2. Events

Pursuant to Section 7.e. of Executive Order 20-48, Events (as defined by the Executive Order) are limited in number pursuant to the applicable color designation for the County as indicated in the Executive Order. The Executive Order provides that if the host of the Event cannot cancel or reduce the number of individuals expected to be present at the Event to comply with the applicable limit, then the Host shall seek and obtain approval of a safety plan for the Event from the local Health Department. It is hereby ORDERED that no such plan shall be approved by the Noble County Health Department unless the number of people to be present at the Event shall be less than the following according to the applicable color-coded metric designation and unless the

safety plan is submitted with the Noble County Health Department COVID-19 Gathering & Events Plan Review Submission cover sheet indicating that the host will comply with the safety provisions contained in Section 7.f. of the Executive Order.

Orange: 250
Red: 100

3. Social Gatherings and Events Held at Multiple Site Venues

Notwithstanding Sections 1 and 2 of this Public Health Order, for venues with multiple, clearly separate areas, such as separate banquet rooms, conference rooms, or multiple sports fields, it is ORDERED that a submitted safety plan submitted to the Noble County Health Department in accordance with Sections 7.c. and 7.e. of the Executive Order may be approved for each separate area up to a maximum of 250 individuals per gathering or event during any time that Noble County is designated as Orange under Executive Order 20-48 or up to a maximum of 100 individuals per gathering or event during any time that Noble County is designated as Red under Executive Order 20-48. The safety plan for each separate and discrete area of a multiple site venue must be submitted with the Noble County Health Department COVID-19 Gathering & Events Plan Review Submission cover sheet indicating that the host will comply with the safety provisions contained in Section 7.f. of the Executive Order. In addition, the venue shall:

- a. Ensure separate social gathering and event attendees do not congregate;
- b. Within each area/site, ensure 6 feet of social distancing within tables with seating spaced to achieve and maintain social distancing between individuals or households, and for classroom, auditorium, bleacher, or other style seating, ensure 6 feet of separation between individuals or household units;
- c. Ensure separate and designated restroom facilities for each area/site and designated facilities must be sufficient for the number of attendees in each site or area;
- d. Provide hand sanitizer or other prevention supplies in each area/site; and
- e. Message that attendance is prohibited if sick or recently exposed to COVID-19.

4. Community Recreational Sports Leagues and Tournaments

In addition to the requirements set forth in Sections 9.c. and 9.d. of Executive Order 20-48, it is hereby ORDERED that community recreational sports leagues and tournaments shall also be restricted in the number of individuals present (including participants, personnel, and spectators) based on the color-coded metric designation for the County as follows.

Orange: 250
Red: 100

5. Restaurants, Bars, Taverns, Nightclubs and Other Establishments Providing In-Person Food and Drink Service

During any period of time in which Noble County is designated as Red under Executive Order 20-48, the following additional restrictions applicable to restaurants, bars, taverns, nightclubs, and other establishments providing in-person food and drink service are hereby ORDERED.

- a. Capacity is limited to 50% of indoor capacity and 100% of outdoor capacity. Outdoor tent seating is permitted only if the tent has at least two (2) open-air sides for maximum ventilation.
- b. These establishments must be closed and cleared of customers between the hours of 12:00 AM and 5:00 AM.
- c. Bar seating shall be closed; table seating only. Table seating within a bar areas is permitted in accordance with this Order and with Executive Order 20-48.
- d. Table seating is limited to 10 people per table and tables must be spaced such that individuals will be at least six (6) feet away from individuals seated at other tables.
- e. Self-service style food stations (buffets, salad bars, etc.) are not permitted unless a staff member serves patrons.

6. Gyms, Exercise & Fitness Centers

During any period of time in which Noble County is designated as Red under Executive Order 20-48, the following additional restrictions applicable to gyms and exercise and fitness centers are hereby ORDERED.

- a. This Order is applicable to all exercise and fitness/workout facilities or gyms, including yoga studios, dance studios, karate studios, martial arts studios, and other similar fitness centers whether located in a standalone facility, a community center, or other place of business.
- b. In addition to any requirements of Executive Order 20-48, it is hereby ORDERED that gyms and exercise and fitness centers shall also be restricted to 50% capacity.

7. Color Code Status

Pursuant to Section 9.e. of Executive Order 20-48, a county will be moved to a more restrictive category whenever the county's metric/score rises to the higher category; however, a county must meet the metrics/score of a less restrictive category for two (2) consecutive weeks before being permitted to move to that category.

Unless otherwise specified in this Public Health Order, dated November 18, 2020, the restrictions imposed by Governor Holcomb's Executive Order 20-48 apply unless superseded by a later Executive Order issued by Governor Holcomb.

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