

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-03-16 (003)

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING RECOMMENDATIONS OF
LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared the COVID-19 virus a global pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has issued guidance to restrict public gatherings to fifty (50) persons or less; and,

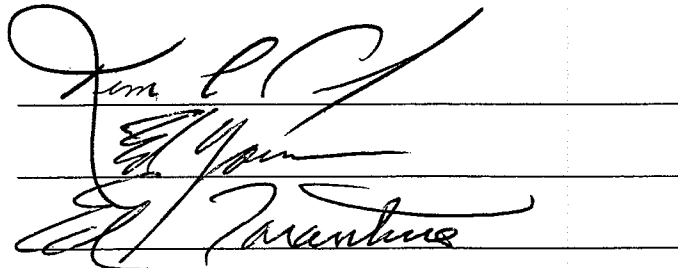
WHEREAS, Indiana Code §16-41-9-1.6 provides that a local public health authority may, in an effort to reduce the spread of communicable disease, impose restrictions on “non-essential situations in which people gather”; and,

WHEREAS, the Henry County Health Department has made recommendations regarding the operation of local County offices and other venues where persons may gather and the Board of Commissioners wishes to adopt these recommendations in an effort to reduce the risk of the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

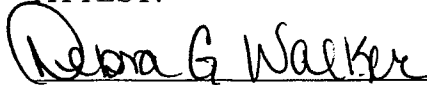
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Henry County adopts the recommendations and directives of the Henry County Health Department, as set forth on the attached Exhibit “A.”

16th All of which is resolved by the Board of Commissioners of Henry County, Indiana this day of MARCH, 2020.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF HENRY
COUNTY, INDIANA



ATTEST:



Debra G. Walker, Auditor

EXHIBIT A

Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response Plan

DISPOSITION OF COUNTY OFFICES

Henry County Government offices, with the exception of the Henry County Jail, Community Corrections, and the Henry County Justice Center, will close to the public effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020 until March 31, 2020. The operation of the Justice Center and Jail shall be determined by the elected officials with oversight of offices operating within those buildings.

All County offices should make all reasonable efforts to serve the public through alternative methods such as phone, email and the USPS. Offices will post this alternative method for service on web sites, phone attendants, social media pages, etc.

Efforts should be made for Henry County Government staff to work from home if possible. If staff must come to work, social distancing will be used and illness policies will be followed to include the information below on hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette and staying home when sick.

Departments that are governed by Indiana Code such as the courts, Community Corrections, law enforcement and the health department will follow the above guidelines to the best of their ability. In addition, these departments will follow guidelines and directions from their respective state and federal entities to ensure the core functions of their department remain effective.

All in person public meetings will be postponed for 30 days.

If a County employee is ill, the employee must notify his or her Department Head and follow prescribed guidelines to include self-isolation procedures prescribed by his or her physician and county/state health officials. Department heads must also immediately notify the County Human Resource Department.