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## EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 20-06

### An Executive Order Regarding the COVID19 Pandemic as Amended

The City of East Chicago is working with State of Indiana and Federal authorities to continue preventative measures to protect our residents in order to slow the spread of the COVID19 virus and prevent infections in our community. The City of East Chicago will adhere to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines. The City continues to require that protective masks be worn in all City buildings and on City property, including Parks, to prevent the transmission of the COVID19 virus. The City also strongly encourages our residents and members of the public to wear protective masks in all public places.

In order to continue to protect the health of our residents, workers and members of the public during the COVID19 pandemic, protective masks are required to be worn in public by all persons. This includes all persons using City Parks, Recreation Centers and other City facilities, as well as persons visiting City buildings. Social distancing is required, with all persons required to maintain a distance of six feet from others in order to protect against the spread of COVID19. Persons who have been diagnosed with COVID19, and those exhibiting COVID19 symptoms including fever, cough and respiratory difficulty are strongly encouraged to immediately contact their health care provider by phone, and self-quarantine until they receive a negative test result and/or are found by their health care provider to no longer be contagious.

In accordance with Indiana Governor Holcomb's orders that the state accelerate its phased reopening, the City will also begin a gradual reopening as follows:

1. City of East Chicago Parks will re-open on Friday June 19, 2020. Enhanced cleaning of playground and exercise equipment will take place, but residents are asked to wipe down equipment before and after each use.
2. The Park Department will begin to announce limited hours and activities at City of East Chicago Recreational Centers. Attendance at Recreational centers will be limited to 50% of the normal capacity. Social distancing and protective masks are required at all times and those using equipment are asked to wipe down equipment before and after each use.
3. The School of Performing Arts will announce limited hours and activities.
4. The Green House in Washington Park will post limited hours and activities.
5. McArthur Golf Course will announce limited hours and services.
6. City pools and Jeorse Beach will remain closed until further notice.

In order to prevent the transmission of the COVID19 virus, I hereby order the following measures be implemented within the City of East Chicago, effective immediately.

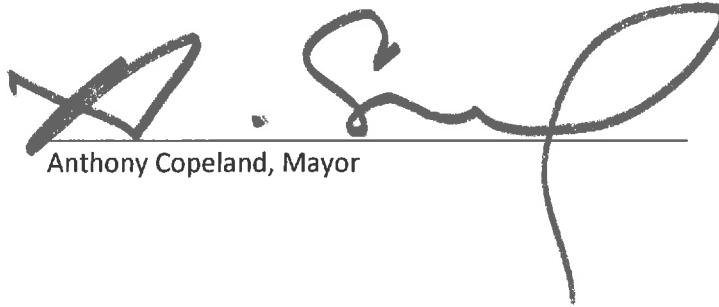
7. Audiences at public meetings will be limited to by social distancing requirements. Protective masks must be worn by all persons entering City buildings, including those attending public meetings. Attendance via Zoom may still be offered for certain public meetings. Public meetings will continue to be televised on Channel 21.
8. The Water Department lobby will continue to be closed, and the Water Department will take drive thru payments. Residents can also mail payments or make payments online.
9. Janitorial staff at the East Chicago Health Department will continue at double the normal staffing level.
10. The City will resume limited rentals of venue spaces including Recreation Centers, shelters within City Parks and the East Chicago Marina effective July 1, 2020. The attendance at events are limited to a maximum of 250, or 50% of the normal capacity of the venue, which ever is less. Social distancing requirements must be followed at all times, and protective masks are worn at all events. The City reserves the right to refuse or limit events which it deems unlikely to encourage proper social distancing. The City may impose additional cleaning requirements, including an additional cleaning fee beyond the normal deposit. The City reserves the right to shut down events if it finds that the social distancing and protective mask requirements are violated.
11. All non-essential work related travel for City Employees is to be minimized or postponed until further notice, including training outside of Lake County, Indiana.
12. The City will continue to limit access to public buildings during this time. Where access is allowed, protective masks must be worn by all persons while in City buildings, and social distancing rules must be followed.
13. The City will adhere to CDC and the State of Indiana guidance limiting all gatherings to two hundred fifty persons or less.
14. Restaurants, bars, nightclubs, wineries and breweries:
  - a. **Restaurants wineries and Breweries** should continue to limit in-person patrons to 50% of normal occupancy, but may provide take-out and delivery services. Drive-through service is strongly encouraged. Outdoor dining is allowed where feasible, and indoor dining must strictly follow social distancing guidelines, with a six-foot radius maintained around each patron, or party of patrons, until further notice. Protective masks must be worn by wait staff and food preparers and others who come in contact with patrons and the public.
  - b. **Bars** are permitted to open up to 50% of occupancy in any segregated or separate area of the facility provided that social distancing can be achieved and maintained.
  - c. **Nightclubs** may open up to 50% of capacity provided that social distancing can be achieved and maintained.
15. Banks should continue to close their lobbies and rely on their drive thru and ATMs and minimize in-person interactions with customers to the greatest extent possible. Where in-person interactions take place, protective masks should be worn and social distancing rules followed.
16. City busses will continue running with enhanced cleaning and sanitization, but riders are required to practice social distancing and leave as much room as possible between themselves and fellow passengers.

17. All city employees are required to wear protective masks while at work or in the field. All Departments Heads are required to maintain a safe workplace, encourage frequent hand washing by all employees and use best practices including the regular cleaning of door knobs, time clocks, desks, keyboards, desk phones and other shared equipment and tools.

The City will continue to reevaluate the situation every 30 days, or more often as guidance from the Centers for Disease Control, the Indiana State Department of Health and East Chicago Health Officer Dr. Gerri Browning is updated.

This Executive Order shall continue in effect as long as the COVID19 emergency continues, or until repealed or superseded by another order.

CERTIFIED and ADOPTED by the Mayor of the City of East Chicago, Lake County, Indiana on this 16 day of June, 2020.



Anthony Copeland, Mayor