



CLAY COUNTY
PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER



CCPHC Public Health Emergency Order

County of Clay Public Health Emergency Order Amended 08212020

WHEREAS, the **Clay Public Health Emergency Order Amended 07142020** was enacted on July 14th, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the key transmission method for the COVID-19 virus is through respiratory droplets that people expel when they breathe, speak, cough, or sneeze; and

WHEREAS, people can be infected with the COVID-19 virus and be asymptomatic or pre-symptomatic but still be contagious to others; and

WHEREAS, the spread of COVID-19 will continue to grow at an accelerated rate for the foreseeable future unless additional measures are implemented to reduce the spread of the disease in Clay County; and

WHEREAS, significant spread of the disease adversely affects the ability of the Clay County Public Health Center to provide contact tracing to further control community spread and has the potential to overwhelm the community's medical resources; and

WHEREAS, in addition to overwhelming the healthcare and public health system and threatening the health and lives of residents, the spread of the disease will cause economic damage, disruption and hardship in the event it were to become necessary to return to the former stay at home orders in order to reduce the spread of the disease; and

WHEREAS, due to the escalating spread of the COVID-19 pandemic it necessary for the immediate preservation of public health, safety and welfare of the residents of Clay County to take additional steps to mitigate the spread of the disease; and

WHEREAS, the wearing of a face mask/ face covering by patrons and employees to the greatest extent possible may allow businesses to remain open while protecting the health and safety of the public and employees and enabling the local economy to move forward during the period in which the disease is being brought under control in the community; and

WHEREAS, wearing a face mask/ face covering is an appropriate and necessary method of reducing the spread of COVID-19 and will be the least restrictive means imposed with the greatest benefit to reduce community spread; and

WHEREAS, strict use of face mask/ face covering may limit the spread of COVID-19 to such an extent that further Stay at Home Orders may not be needed; and

NOW, THEREFORE, under the power vested in me under appropriate local, state and federal regulations and other enabling provisions, I, Gary E. Zaborac, Director of Public Health for the Clay County Public Health Center and Health Officer for the County of Clay do hereby order the following:

- That all parts of **Public Health Emergency Order Amended 07142020** dated July 14th, 2020, Phase 2, Step 2 shall remain in place including that all employees or visitors to any indoor public accommodation must wear face coverings in an area or while performing an activity which will necessarily involve close contact or proximity to co-workers or the public where six feet of separation is not feasible or cannot be maintained.
- The following also apply:
 1. Exemptions: any individuals performing essential government functions are categorically exempt from this Order. Further, nothing in this Order shall prohibit any individual from performing or accessing "Essential Governmental Functions." Essential Government Functions means all services needed to ensure the continuing operation of any government agencies and provide for the health, safety and welfare of the public. All Essential Governmental Functions should be performed in compliance with Social Distancing Requirements as defined in this section to the extent possible.
 2. Schools may reopen.
 3. Youth sport leagues may resume while following proper COVID-19 safety protocols to protect players, coaches, officials and spectators.

and is set to begin 12:00A.M., August 24th, 2020 and continues until further notice.

It is so ordered this 21st day of August 2020.



Director of Public Health

Clay County Public Health Center