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In an effort to contain the spread of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and the variants: David, J. Welsh, M.D., Ripley County Health Officer, has hereby ordered a mandate for Ripley County effective:  
**May 17, 2021 until further notice.**

1. Capacity Limits for Social Gatherings and Events:
  - a. It is strongly recommended that the size of a social gathering or event be limited in overall attendance (attendees, staff and others) based on Ripley County's color-coded metric, as follows:
    - Designated as Red may have up to a total of 50 individuals present; with 25% capacity
    - Designated as Orange may have up to a total of 100 individuals present; with up to 25% capacity
    - Designated as Yellow may have up to a total of 250 individuals present; with up to 50% capacity
    - Designated as Blue may have up to a total of 500 individuals present; with up to 100% capacity
  - b. Any social gatherings or event that will expect more than the above, an event safety plan must be submitted to the Ripley County Health Department at least seven days in advance of the event, an event plan form can be found on [ripleyhealth.com](http://ripleyhealth.com).
2. Mask/Face Shield Strongly Recommend
  - Personal service jobs: Personal Trainers, Tattoo Artists and clients, Hair Stylists and clients
  - Servers, bartenders, grocery store employees (employees that have direct contact with patrons)
3. Mask/Face Shield Mandate
  - a. The following are required to wear a mask or face shield properly:
    - Optometrists and patients
    - Dentists
    - Hospitals and medical facilities
  - b. Per Indiana Governor Holcomb's executive order, schools, COVID-19 vaccine clinics, COVID-19 testing clinics and state buildings are required to wear masks.
4. Hotspot within an organization
  - a. If a hotspot is recognized, more restrictions may be required to stop the spread.
5. Any facility or organization has the right to require masks and/or shields.

Please keep in mind that the statewide mask mandate has been lifted, but it is still highly encouraged to continue to wear a mask, especially if you have not been vaccinated. It is still recommended to continue to stay home if you are sick, wash your hands frequently and do not touch your face. Please take the time to get vaccinated! Once Ripley County has majority of individuals vaccinated, Ripley County will be able to lift all restrictions.

David J. Welsh, MD