Coronavirus Resource Guide Updates

September 2, 2020

For more information on the Coronavirus and related issues for schools, visit: www.doe.in.gov; www.cdc.gov; www.in.gov/isdh; www.ed.gov/coronavirus.

This update supplements the Coronavirus Resource Guide dated August 19, 2020 and was written to direct you to appropriate updated resources and services. It should not be used to replace local, state, or federal guidelines. All references have been provided in-line and in a resource section at the end of the update to help you continue your research. All information has been adapted from state and federal agencies and other quality resources to support and specify the role of the school board during this pandemic.

Updates from the State of Indiana

Executive Orders

There have been three new executive orders issued by the Governor since August 20, 2020. The first of these orders is Executive Order 20-40, wherein the Governor addressed child care issues. The Governor in this Executive Order waives the provisions of the Latch Key law to allow schools to contract with organizations to provide latch key programs in a physical environment outside of a public school building in order to meet community needs for child care while students are engaged in remote or virtual learning. The Executive Order also allows an unlicensed home child care facility to supervise up to 10 students who are engaged in remote or virtual learning. The Executive Order may be found at https://www.in.gov/gov/files/Executive%20Order%2020-40%20Child%20Care%20Matters.pdf

The second Executive Order is 20-41 and extends the Public Health Emergency for an additional 30 days. The Public Health Emergency is now in effect from September 3 to October 2, 2020. This extension of the Public Health Emergency allows school boards to continue to meet virtually until October 2, 2020. The Executive Order may be found at https://www.in.gov/gov/files/Executive%20Order%2020-41%20(Sixth%20Renewal%20of%20Emergency%20Declaration).pdf.

The third Executive Order is 20-42 and continues Stage 4.5 and the face covering requirements for the state through September 25, 2020. All subsequent Executive Orders modifying provisions of Stage 4.5 and the face covering requirements were also extended through September 25, 2020, by this Executive Order. The Executive Order may be found at https://www.in.gov/gov/files/Executive%20Order%2020-42%20(30%20day%20extension%20of%204_5%20and%20Mask%20Mandate).pdf.

Indiana State Board of Education

At its September 2, 2020 meeting, the Indiana State Board of Education (SBOE) in response to Governor Holcomb's request to take action to ensure that Indiana's K-12 schools receive 100% funding for students enrolled in

public schools, accepted the SBOE staff recommendation for the executive director to amend its rule to allow students who are involved in virtual instruction due to COVID-19 in the Fall of 2020 to be counted in the ADM for 100% tuition support in the basic tuition support funding formula. Under Executive Order 20-05, the SBOE and its executive director have the authority during the public health emergency to modify any of the agency rules which would be detrimental to the public welfare without going through the statutory process required by law and upon prior approval of the Governor, which was given prior to the SBOE meeting.

The modification of the rule applies only during the public health emergency which at this point ends on October 2, 2020, and thus applies only to the September ADM Count Date.

Indiana State Department of Health

The ISDH has updated guidance documents for school personnel including when a student or staff member can return to school. This guidance may be found at https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/files/20_Student%20Guidance%20for%20Return%20to%20School_8-27-20.pdf.

Other resource documents updated by the ISDH may be found under the Back-to-School Resources tab at https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/2400.htm.

Indiana Department of Education

Student Work Permits

The Indiana Department of Labor (IDOL) will begin enforcement of the requirement for employers to have work permits on file for minor employees on September 8, 2020. The Department had suspended the enforcement of work permits earlier in the year when public schools closed. The Department has further advised it is instructing employers to call the schools and get work permits now for minors who have been working without permits in an effort to minimize the number of employers calling on September 8. See the IDOL website for this announcement and other coronavirus pandemic updates at https://www.in.gov/dol/childlabor.htm.

The Indiana Department of Education is encouraging schools to work with students to get work permits issued prior to September 8, 2020.

Updates from the Federal Government

United States Department of Agriculture

The United States Department of Agriculture has extended its flexibility for the school summer meal program to December 31, 2020. This extension allows free meals to be provided to children through the fall months. The announcement may be found at https://www.usda.gov/media/press-releases/2020/08/31/usda-extends-free-meals-kids-through-december-31-2020. Additional information on flexibilities for meal programs may be found at https://www.fns.usda.gov/coronavirus.

Internal Revenue Service

On August 8, 2020, President Trump directed the Secretary of the Treasury to use the Secretary's statutory authority to defer certain payroll taxes for the last four months of 2020. This is a deferral of paying the taxes, thus the taxes will have to be paid without penalty during the first four months of 2021 unless the United States Congress passes legislation to make the deferment permanent. Employers may voluntarily participate in the deferment of the payroll taxes.

The Internal Revenue Service has issued its guidance on the President's directive and it may be found at https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-drop/n-20-65.pdf.

Website Resources for School Boards

Indiana Resources
- ISDH "Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Guidance for Schools": https://www.in.gov/isdh/files/ISDH%20school%20guidance.pdf
- Social Distancing and Self-Monitoring Guidelines ISDH: https://www.in.gov/isdh/files/Coronavirus%20Self-Monitor%20Infographic_ISDH.pdf
- State Board of Accounts memo on the use of public funds during the public health emergency: https://www.in.gov/sboa/files/Assistance%20During%20COVID-19%203.31.2020.pdf
- State Examiner Directive on Claims: https://www.in.gov/sboa/files/Directive%202020-1%20Claim.Deposits%203.19.2020%20(003).pdf

- IDOE eLearning and Remote Learning for students with disabilities: https://www.doe.in.gov/sites/default/files/elearning/elearning-day-program-guidance-students-disabilities-rev-052219.pdf.

National Resources
- "Interim Guidance for Administrators of US Childcare Programs and K-12 Schools: Plan, Prepare and Respond to Coronavirus Disease" 2019 CDC: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/guidance-for-schools.html
- "K-12 Schools and Childcare Programs: FAQs for Administrators" CDC: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/schools-faq.html
- "Preparing K-12 School Administrators for a Safe Return to School in Fall 2020": https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/prepare-safe-return.html
- "Considerations for Schools: Operating Schools During COVID-19": https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/schools.html
- NSBA: COVID-19 PREPARING FOR WIDESPREAD ILLNESS IN YOUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY A Legal Guide for School Leaders: https://www.nsba.org/-/media/NSBA/File/legal-school-safety-addendum-coronavirus-march-3-2020.pdf?la=en&hash=1D72FA91F23169E07855464FC5D1434148FE3F78
- EPA/CDC Recommendations for School Cleaning: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html
- US Dept. of Ed., COVID-19 Information and Resources for Schools and School Personnel: https://www.ed.gov/coronavirus?src=feature
- US Dept. of Ed., Q&A on educating students with special needs during the pandemic: https://sites.ed.gov/idea/files/qa-covid-19-03-12-2020.pdf.
- The Office for Civil Rights webinar on eLearning and Remote Learning: https://www.youtube.com/watch?utm_content=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery&utm_term=&v=DCMLk4cES6A.