



**CITY OF SOUTH BEND**  
**JAMES MUELLER, MAYOR**  
**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 01-2020

**DECLARING A LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY IN RESPONSE TO THE  
CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC**

WHEREAS, the ongoing spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) poses a serious threat to the most vulnerable members of our community; and

WHEREAS, there has been new guidance from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and President of the United States encouraging discretionary travel be avoided. See the new information found at [https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/03.16.20\\_coronavirus-guidance\\_8.5x11\\_315PM.pdf](https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/03.16.20_coronavirus-guidance_8.5x11_315PM.pdf).

WHEREAS, mitigation of the virus' spread is the best tool in preventing local healthcare systems from being overwhelmed; and

WHEREAS an emergency declaration is an appropriate public safety response to prevent the spread of the virus in South Bend and the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS limitation of unnecessary travel would assist in the prevention of the spread of the virus.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Chief Executive and Administrative Officer of the City, I hereby issue an emergency declaration in accordance with I.C. 10-14-3-29. Furthermore, I issue a local travel advisory as part of the emergency declaration. The travel advisory, per I.C. 10-14-3-29.5 is as follows:

*Section 1. Travel Advisory "Watch" in the City of South Bend*

- a. The current conditions are threatening to the safety of the public. Therefore, the public is directed to limit all travel aside from essential travel, which includes examples like traveling to and from work, picking up food from

restaurants, going to the grocery, pharmacy, or doctor's office, daycares, and traveling during emergency situations.

- b. Residents are still encouraged to spend time outdoors doing physical activities while avoiding contact with others and maintaining extreme social distancing measures.

Section 2. *Notice of the Executive Order*

The Clerk of the City of South Bend shall cause a notice of this Executive Order.

Section 3. *Effective Date*

This Executive Order shall become effective at 2 p.m. March 19, 2020 and remain in effect for the next seven days, with the possibility of renewal by vote of South Bend Common Council.

DATED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

CITY OF SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

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James Mueller, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Dawn Jones, City Clerk