

COVID-19

Health Officer, stated the Grant County continues to be under red status. While many residents are experiencing COVID19-fatigue, which results in lack of mask-wearing and social distancing, which Moore believes has caused cases in the county to spike over the last few weeks.

“What we are facing is fatigue,” Moore said. “People are just getting tired. But because you get tired of it doesn’t change the behavior of the virus. It will still infect you. And it could still kill you.”

According to Moore, four out of 10 people who spread the virus are asymptomatic, and he believes that people are not effectively quarantining, which is attributable to the uptick in cases.

However, it was not all bad news, as Moore announced two major changes to CDC guidelines regarding quarantining.

First option—quarantine can end after seven days if the individual has remained asymptomatic and obtains a negative diagnostic test result on that seventh day.

Those who test positive originally would have to be tested on the fifth day after exposure so the test results would be available on the seventh day. Second option—quarantine can end after 10 days without testing and the individual has remained without symptoms. Masks must still be worn through 14 days.

“We’ve tried to make it less onerous by allowing people to modify that quarantine period,” Moore said. “[We were looking] to find that happy medium between what is effective and what is doable.”

For students who quarantine after a close contact, those who test negative after seven days and remain asymptomatic can return to

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Grant County Public Health Officer

school and no longer have to quarantine for 14 days, according to Moore.

While COVID-19 has affected every part of life, healthcare professionals have remained on the front lines since the start, working tirelessly to heal those suffering from the virus. With cases increasing by the day, Marion General Hospital personnel continue to work around the clock.

“We continue to be extremely busy,” MGH Director of Nursing Cindy Futrell said. “[There are] a lot of patients wanting to be tested, a lot of patients that are symptomatic, and a lot of patients that we are admitting. Overall, the patients are doing well, but they [require] a lot of care. There are lot of things that go into making them feel better.”

Though they have faced and will continue to face challenges in the foreseeable future, Futrell is pleased with all of that work that MGH has done throughout the pandemic.

“Our health care team, they are tired, and they are working a lot of hours,” Futrell said. “This is not unique to Marion. Several hospitals are on what we call diversion, which means they are at capacity. Not necessarily at capacity bedside, but capacity staff-wise. As our community gets [the COVID-19 virus] and their communities are getting this, the staff are getting the virus as well.

“We are all challenged, but I would say we are doing a really good job here. It’s not without a lot of effort from our team.”

What is encouraging, however, is that on Tuesday, Pfizer and Moderna applied for an Emergency Use Authorization, meaning that if approved, a vaccine could be available to administer in Indiana in the next couple of weeks. According to Futrell, healthcare providers and frontline staff will be administered first.

Along with that, a new medication, known by the medical community as B’MAB, an antibody administered by IV infusion, has been tested and proved to be beneficial to those who are more at-risk patients, particularly those over 65.

“The study proved that this medicine, if used in the appropriate, high-risk population, can decrease the severity of illness, and does tend to reduce the need for admissions, both important goals,” Dr. Shankaran Srikanth said.

The last major topic discussed was the prospect of another shutdown, which is one of the major fears that the Grant County community has been experiencing over the last several weeks. While community leaders want to avoid going down that road again, it’s a step that could be taken if the spread of the COVID-19 virus is not quelled in short order.

“That’s not where we want to go,” Futrell said. “We are trying to keep

businesses open. Those are people’s livelihood, and we understand that. But... we have to control this. There is only so many beds in this hospital and so many beds in the nursing home and so many staff [members] to take care of all these people.”

“It’s not our intention to shut anybody down.” Grant County EMA Director Bob Jackson added. “Now, having said that, we are watching daily that our

healthcare system is being pushed to the max. So are our first responders. We have to continue to do whatever is necessary to keep all the options open to us in order to protect society. We are doing everything we can to avoid it.”

These meetings will continue weekly for the foreseeable future, with the next one scheduled for this coming Thursday, Dec. 10, 2020 at 3:30 pm.

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Legals and Public Notices

| REAL ESTATE | MAILING ADDRESS | EXEMPTION AMOUNT | ELIGIBLE # OF YRS |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Bischoff, James & Tamara | 613 Arletta Glen Dr | 27,451 | 3/3 |
| Bowie, Cathy L | 1730 Boles Drive | 9,492 | 3/3 |
| Brown, Steve | 1210 Lakeside Way | 170,200 | 1/3 |
| Cannon, Eleen Sue | 1608 Fox Trail | 129,096 | 2/3 |
| Caudell, Thomas & Cynthia | 1612 Fox Trail | 22,003 | 3/3 |
| Dodson, Christopher & Elizabeth | 1625 E Montpelier Pike | 62,420 | 1/3 |
| Drake, Ronnie & Virginia | 1401 Fox Run Drive | 211,100 | 1/3 |
| Durbin, Matthew & Rachel | 2626 S Crane Pond | 85,880 | 1/3 |
| Faulk, Rodney & Claudia | 1423 Fox Run Drive | 230,000 | 1/3 |
| Grubb, Evelyn Martha | 1433 Fox Run Dr | 57,990 | 2/3 |
| Jones, Casey & Katie Jones | 4017 Wildoner Dr | 12,945 | 3/3 |
| Johnson, Benjamin & Aubrey | 1710 Boles Dr | 47,289 | 3/3 |
| Kinnan, Thomas & Edna | 2601 W Ticonderoga Dr | 43,458 | 2/3 |
| McElheny, Robert & Deborah | 1035 Candy Creek Ct | 34,720 | 3/3 |
| Planck, Justin & Leah | 1040 Candy Creek Ct | 31,926 | 3/3 |
| Sale, Gary L | 2217 Crystal Dr | 29,368 | 3/3 |
| Sellers, Angela & Brandon | 4018 Thomspson Dr | 18,845 | 3/3 |
| Strickland, James & Wendy | 605 Arletta Glen Dr | 28,992 | 3/3 |
| Tyner, Stan & Cynthia | 1429 Fox Run Drive | 158,535 | 1/3 |
| Vaughn, Dannie & Beverly | 530 E South C St | 25,383 | 2/3 |
| Webb, Scott & Stacey | 1610 Fox Trail | 33,586 | 3/3 |
| Workman, Robert & Julie | 1601 Fox Trail | 67,373 | 2/3 |
| Wuertley, Jason A | 1611 Fox Trail | 23,311 | 3/3 |
| Total Real Estate Abatements | | 1,561,363 | |

| COMMERCIAL | PROPERTY ADDRESS | MAILING CITY | EXEMPTION AMOUNT | ELIGIBLE # OF YRS |
|---|----------------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 515 Properties | 1610 W Kem Rd | Marion, IN | 17,650 | 10 |
| 515 Properties | 6137 E Industrial Dr | Gas City, IN | 82,140 | 10 |
| Agricor Inc. | 1626 S Joaquin Dr | Marion, IN | 5,642,550 | 10 |
| Bahr Brothers Manufacturing Inc | 2545 Lincoln Blvd | Marion, IN | 43,840 | 10 |
| Dunham's Athleisure Corporation, a Delaware Corporation | 255 S 600 E | Marion, IN | 25,182,300 | 10 |
| Fred, R David | 1101 S Miller Ave | Marion, IN | 145,510 | 10 |
| Glickfield Properties | 101 East 3rd St | Marion, IN | 8,350 | 10 |
| Horner, Verlin & Tenley | 825 E 30th St | Marion, IN | 377,820 | 10 |
| IOGS LLC | 777 E Main Street | Gas City, IN | 337,932 | 6 |
| Lien Corp / Compton, David & Lisa L Korp LLC | 3301 S Torrence St | Marion, IN | 110,800 | 10 |
| Marion Green Housing Partners LP | 617 S 1st St | Van Buren, IN | 126,750 | 10 |
| Mason Village Inc | 12557 Bradford St | Marion, IN | 26,815 | 10 |
| Mathews Feed & Grain Inc/ Farmers Cooperative Co | 1320 N Norton Ave | Marion, IN | 43,758 | 6 |
| McClure Oil Corporation | 928 W Massachusetts | Mathews, IN | 700,010 | 10 |
| McClure Oil Corporation | 229 W Main St | Gas City, IN | 401,670 | 6 |
| McClure Oil Corporation | 801 N Baldwin Ave | Marion, IN | 236,200 | 10 |
| Riverside Community Federal Credit Union | 101 N Washington St | Marion, IN | 346,040 | 10 |
| Star Lease Holding LLC (Vacant Building Deduction) | 100 Earthwise Drive | Gas City, IN | 1,364,440 | 10 |
| Sulai Hospitality Inc | 1000 N Baldwin Ave | Marion, IN | 4,411,710 | 10 |
| Total Commercial Property Abatements | | | 39,606,285 | |

| PERSONAL PROPERTY ABATEMENTS | LOCATION ADDRESS | CITY | DEDUC AV | # OF YEARS |
|---|-------------------------|-----------|-------------------|------------|
| Advanced Cabinet Systems/ JG Bowers Inc | 1629 S Joaquin Dr | Marion | 157,600 | 5 |
| Agricor Inc | 1626 S Joaquin Dr | Marion | 6,550,040 | 10 |
| American Woodmark Corp | 5300 East Side Parkway | Gas City | 4,058,000 | 5,5,5,5 |
| Atlas Foundry Company Inc | 601 N Henderson Av | Marion | 1,190,890 | |
| Bahr Bros Mfg Inc | 2545 Lincoln Blvd | Marion | 284,260 | 5,5 |
| Dunhams Athleisure Corp | 255 S 600 E | Marion | 4,026,220 | 10 |
| Earthwise Plastics Inc | 100 Earthwise Way | Gas City | 2,014,800 | 5 |
| General Cable Industries Inc | 440 E 8th St | Marion | 68,870 | 10 |
| General Motors LLC | 2400 W 2nd St | Marion | 14,680,540 | 5,10,10 |
| Heartland Harvest Processing LLC | 4861 S 600 E | Gas City | 507,500 | 5 |
| Huhtamaki Inc | 1629 S Joaquin Dr | Marion | 2,636,100 | 5 |
| Industrial Maintenance Specialists Inc | 100 IMS Drive | Gas City | 679,490 | 5 |
| Lein Corp | 3301 S Hamaker St | Marion | 6,400 | 10 |
| Mathews Feed & Grain | 928 S Massachusetts Ave | Mathews | 985,830 | 5,10 |
| Modern Machine & Tool Inc | 621 S First St | Van Buren | 227,280 | 5,5,5,5,5 |
| Structural Steel Services Inc | 1100 N Park Ave | Marion | 14,970 | 10 |
| Total Personal Property Abatements | | | 38,088,790 | |

Total amount of all deductions for eligible vacant buildings 1,364,440
 Total amount for all deductions that were filed for and applied during the year 79,256,438
 Total amount of all deductions for real property that were in effect under section 4.8 during the year 41,167,648

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Mayor

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19 cases continuing to rise in Grant County at an alarming rate, “it is imperative to allow certain city employees to work remotely in an effort to curtail the community spread of COVID-19.” Additionally, “allowing certain employees to work remotely will further help promote the safety and well-being of both city employees and the general public during the declared emergency.”

The executive order further stated that department heads and department supervisors shall implement a plan to allow essential city

offices and departments to remain operational but allow certain city employees to work remotely until further notice.

Employees shall receive pay for their regularly scheduled, non-overtime work hours. If some or all of the employee’s job functions can be performed from home, the employee is expected to perform those job functions from home during the employee’s regularly scheduled non-overtime work hours.

During the employee’s regularly scheduled non-overtime work hours during

the emergency, the employee is considered “on call” and, therefore, must be available by phone to respond to calls from other City officials and must be available to return to their work station within two hours of notice from their supervisor, Mayor, or his/her designee.

Lastly, employees may not work or earn compensation from any other source during employee’s regularly scheduled non-overtime work hours.

The executive order went into effect on Tuesday, Dec. 8.