

County Disaster Emergency Declaration Reduction to Orange For Travel Restrictions

Delaware County, Indiana

12/24/2022

Time: 9:15 am

Whereas, Delaware County, Indiana has been impacted by or is immediately threatened by the following emergency conditions:

Continuing Blowing and drifting Snow, extreme cold, and stuck or abandoned vehicles make the clearing of roadways difficult or impossible and;

The County recognizes that there are still areas that are impacted by the wind and drifting snow and to allow some limited travel because of the current conditions.

Now, therefore be it Resolved that the Delaware County Board of Commissioners, hereby declare that the local disaster emergency that existed yesterday has abated somewhat and there are weather forecasts which call for the wind to calm by about 1 pm today. At 11 am the Travel Restrictions and Advisory shall expire and the travel restrictions shall reduce to "Orange" level after 11 am.

- (1) Activate the response and recovery aspects of all applicable county disaster emergency plans.
- (2) Authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance under the plans.
- (3) Declare an Orange Travel Warning means that conditions are threatening to the safety of the public. During a "watch" local travel advisory, only essential travel, such as to and from work or in emergency situations, is recommended, and emergency action plans should be implemented by businesses, schools, government agencies, and other organizations.

In accordance with IC 10-14-3-29, (d), this Declaration does not prohibit individuals engaged in employment necessary to maintain a safe rail system, restore a public utility or provide any other emergency public service from traveling within the County during this local disaster emergency.

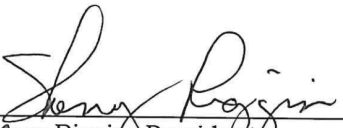
Reference is hereby made to all appropriate laws, statutes, ordinances, and resolutions, and particularly to section 10-14-3-29 of the Indiana Code.

There are three (3) travel advisory levels.

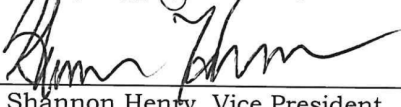
- (1) A travel advisory status of “Advisory” means that routine travel or activities may be restricted in areas because of a hazardous situation. Citizens should use caution or avoid these areas. Schools and businesses may begin to implement their emergency action plans.
- (2) **A travel advisory status of “Watch” means that conditions are threatening to the safety of the public. Only essential travel is recommended (i.e. to and from work, emergency situation, etc.). Emergency action plans have been or should now be implemented by businesses, schools, government agencies, and other organizations.**
- (3) A travel advisory status of “Warning” means that travel may be restricted to emergency personnel only. During a Travel Warning, all citizens are called upon and directed to refrain from all travel, to comply with necessary emergency measures, to cooperate with public officials and disaster services forces in executing emergency operations plans, and to obey and comply with the lawful directions of properly identified officers. Further and more specific restrictions may be included.

In witness, whereof, we have hereunto set our hand this 24th day of December 2022 at 9:15 am.


Delaware County Board of Commissioners



Sherry Riggini, President



Shannon Henry, Vice President



James King, Member

*IC 10-14-3-29 states that a local disaster emergency declaration may not be continued or renewed for more than seven (7) days except by or with the consent of the governing body of the political subdivision.