

Safety Protocols: First Regular Session of the 122nd Indiana General Assembly

The following safety protocols are in place for the House and Senate until modified or ended by the Speaker of the House or the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

These policies are in addition to the current protocols already in place for being in the Statehouse and Indiana Government Center South (IGCS).

In addition to the below protocols, the House of Representatives, Senate and Legislative Services Agency all have policies and protocols that apply to their respective staffs.

Anyone exhibiting symptoms related to the coronavirus should not enter the Statehouse or IGCS. For additional information about coronavirus symptoms, please see the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) guidelines:

- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

Committee Meetings

I. All Regular Committee Meetings

- a. Live Stream. All House and Senate committee meetings will be live streamed and archived on the Indiana General Assembly's (IGA) webpage: iga.in.gov.
- b. Public Testimony. All committee participation will be conducted in either the committee room or via a separate location within the Statehouse or IGCS unless otherwise authorized by the Speaker of the House or the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.
- c. Social Distancing. All committee participants will be required to adhere to social distancing of at least six (6) feet. All spaces that will be used for House and Senate committees have been configured to ensure all participants can social distance.
- d. Public Viewing. There will be monitors in the Statehouse and IGCS where individuals can view the proceedings.

Committee rooms and locations where testimony occurs will be reserved only for those who will be testifying or providing information on a particular bill. There will not be accommodations for individuals who want to watch a committee in-person.

There will be space available within the House and Senate committee areas for a limited number of the Statehouse media.

Individuals not actively participating in the legislative process are asked to please view the proceedings from their home or office via the live stream available on the IGA's webpage: iga.in.gov.

- e. Face Coverings. Under current protocols, all members of the public are required to wear a mask when inside the State House or IGCS.

A mask will also be required for the public to participate in committee meetings. Masks must comply with the CDC guidelines. For CDC guidance on masks, please see website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>.

- f. Staff Support. Additional staff will be stationed at the committee rooms to provide support and direction. Signage with directions will also be prominently displayed.

II. Senate Committees

- a. Location. All Senate committees will be held at the Statehouse.
- b. Testimony. All public testimony will be done from a separate location within the Statehouse. The testimony rooms will be configured to ensure all participants can social distance and with a direct video feed to the committee room.

Public testimony will be held in the following Statehouse rooms:

Senate Chamber: testimony room is 431
Committee Room 130: testimony room is 404
Committee Room 233: testimony room is 125

- i. Individuals seeking to testify at a committee meeting are encouraged to complete a witness appearance form that will be available on the IGA's webpage beginning at 7:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting.
 - a. Those who complete the online witness appearance form on the IGA's webpage will need to check in at the testimony room when they arrive, no sooner than 30 minutes prior to the start of the committee meeting.
 - b. For those who do not complete the online witness appearance form on the IGA's webpage, an opportunity to sign in as a witness also will be available outside the testimony room designated for the meeting starting 30 minutes before the start of the meeting.

III. House Committees

- a. Locations. House committee meetings will take place at IGCS in rooms 17, 19 and ABC conference room, and the House Chamber at the Statehouse. The IGCS ABC conference room is also serving as the House Chamber for the 2021 session.

Until further notice, all committee meetings will occur in either the IGCS House Chamber or Statehouse House Chamber and will be limited to no more than two hours.

- i. Both House chambers are configured to allow for social distancing for legislators, staff and the public.
- b. Testimony. Public testimony for committees held in the Statehouse House Chamber and IGCS House Chamber may occur in the chamber and from a separate location within IGCS.
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 2. For those who do not complete the online witness appearance form on the IGA's webpage, an opportunity to sign in as a witness will be available outside the committee room and alternate testimony room designated for the meeting starting 30 minutes before the start of the meeting.
 - ii. Alternate testimony locations will be available in either IGCS room 18 or 9. The testimony rooms will have a direct video feed to the committee room.

Public testimony for committees held in IGCS 17 and 19 will be done from IGCS rooms 18 and 9. The testimony rooms will have a direct video feed to the committee room.

The alternate rooms used for testimony and committee rooms will be configured to ensure all participants can properly social distance.

Legislative Session

I. All Session Days

- a. Live Stream. All House and Senate legislative sessions will be live streamed and archived on the IGA's webpage: iga.in.gov.
- b. Social Distancing. All participants will be required to adhere to social distancing of at least six (6) feet. The Senate Chamber and House IGCS Chamber have been configured to ensure all participants can social distance.
- c. Outside the Chambers. Under current protocols, everyone is required to adhere to social distancing of at least six (6) feet when inside the Statehouse or IGCS.
- d. Public Viewing. Only legislators and staff will be allowed within the House and Senate Chambers. This includes the hallway directly behind the IGCS House Chamber.

There will be space available within the House and Senate Chambers for a limited number of the Statehouse media.

There will be monitors with a live stream of the proceedings directly outside both chambers.

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- e. Face Coverings. Under current protocols, all members of the public are required to wear a mask when inside the State House or IGCS. For additional guidance on masks, please see the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html>