Indiana Reopening Plan Stalls at Stage 4.5, May Return to Stage 4

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In light of increasing COVID-19 case numbers in Indiana, Governor Eric Holcomb has announced that reopening in Indiana will remain in Stage 4.5 until July 31, instead of July 17. (For details on Stage 4.5, see our article, <u>Indiana Reopening Plan Moves to</u> <u>New Stage 4.5</u>.)

The Governor said that, during this time, he will be evaluating case trends to determine whether it is appropriate to move to Stage 5 or to step back to Stage 4. In Stage 5, face coverings will be optional and social gatherings of more than 250 people may take place with adherence to social distancing guidelines.

Currently, Governor Holcomb is not mandating masks for all Hoosiers, but stated he will be monitoring each county closely.

Reopening orders contain extensive requirements creating compliance issues that can vary significantly depending on the specific state or local jurisdiction. Jackson Lewis attorneys are closely monitoring updates and changes to legal requirements and guidance and are available to help employers weed through the complexities involved with <u>state-specific or multistate-compliant plans</u>.

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