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**County, City Officials Constantly Monitoring and Evaluating Local COVID-19 Situation**

The World Health Organization officially classified COVID-19 as a pandemic. There are many variables to consider and much misinformation. Our goal is to make sure the county takes reasonable, well-measured steps to be prepared without overacting or inciting fear.

The Montgomery County Health Department met with City and Montgomery County officials Thursday afternoon to discuss updates to COVID-19.

This situation continues to be fluid and could change literally at any time. Montgomery County currently has no confirmed cases of COVID-19. We will continue to have regular assessments of the City and County’s plans to respond as it continues to evolve. The Montgomery County Health Department is in constant communication with the Indiana State Department of Health, neighboring counties, school superintendents along with city and county officials.

County Administrator Mark Casteel is scheduled to meet with the heads of all the Montgomery County Departments Friday morning to assess plans and direct them to take several actions.

For the most accurate and up-to-date information about Covid-19 be sure to check out the Center for Disease Control and Prevention website (www.cdc.gov) or the Indiana State Department of Health website (www.in.gov/isdh/28470.htm).

For the most accurate and complete information on the Montgomery County schools systems, residents are encouraged to check out their school’s respective websites for up-to-date event changes or closings.