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## **CLARIFICATION**

Clarification for request of **VOLUNTARY CLOSURE** of non-essential retail businesses. The reason we are asking for voluntary closure is done with the intention of providing social distancing (at least six (6) feet away from other people) and limiting gatherings to fewer than ten (10) people. Some businesses have accomplished this by curbside delivery, direction/markers on floors, signs on front doors, call ahead, and limiting the number of customers inside at a single time. If retail stores cannot devise measures to maintain social distancing (at least six (6) feet away from other people) and limiting social gatherings to fewer than ten (10), then it would be strongly encouraged to close at this time.

For more clarifications, business owner's can call the Dubois County Health Department at **812.481.7050** for additional guidance.

COVID-19 is spreading in the State of Indiana and everyone needs to do their part to help prevent its spread. The better we do at preventing the spread, the less impact it will have on us long-term. These measures are critical to reducing the spread of COVID-19 in the community. As long as the community continues to work with us, we will make an impact. This department intends to be proactive, not reactive to the ongoing public health pandemic.

*The Dubois County Health Department is committed to prevention efforts that promote and protect our communities health by serving with dedication, respect, and responsibility.*