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**Subject:** Complaint - On the Tracks Cafe

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Good afternoon Chief Brown and Sheriff Wood,

The Illinois State Police received the complaint listed below from the Edgar County Public Health Department. We are referring this complaint to your agencies for appropriate handling and assistance to your local Public Health Department.

"This establishment refuses to cooperate with public health authorities. A positive COVID-19 case was connected to this facility on August 8, 2020. That positive case resulted in a staff exposure. Manager of the establishment was uncooperative and refused to assist the local health department in identifying close contacts. On September 2, 2020 an additional positive case was associated with the facility. Two patron exposures occurred as close contacts and one of those contacts became positive. September 4, 2020 an additional positive case was connected to the facility and four additional patron exposures. Establishment once again would not cooperate with local health authorities with gathering close contacts. Manager was rude and wanted to wait several days before giving contact information for those who were exposed. September 21, 2020 two additional positive cases were associated with On the Tracks Cafe. On September 29, an additional positive case was connected to the facility. There have been several community complaints about this facility not enforcing or using masks/face coverings, social distancing, and capacity limits. On September 14, 2020 staff from Edgar County Public Health Department visited the facility for a routine food inspection and an infection control review. A first non-compliance letter was issued regarding wearing face coverings and capacity limits. Facility was given until September 15, 2020 to comply. On October 1, two more community complaints were called into our office regarding no masks wearing, socially distancing, and capacity limits. On October 7, 2020 staff from Edgar County Public Health Department visited the facility for a compliance check. Establishment has made absolutely no effort to comply with Section 690.50. Observation included no masks being worn by patrons or staff. No signage was displayed to promote social distancing or the use of masks. Tables were not spaced 6-feet apart. No visual cues were on the floor and booths were not marked to use every other booth. On October 8, 2020 ECPHD staff issued a second non-compliance order. Upon entering the facility, no masks were worn by employees or patrons. Manager refused to sign the second compliance letter and stated she would give it to her attorney. She stated she would not change anything until she was served with a court order. This establishment is blatantly defying the non-compliance orders and refuses to comply with public health to help stop the spread of this virus. The establishment is putting the public at risk day after day since no effort has been made to comply."

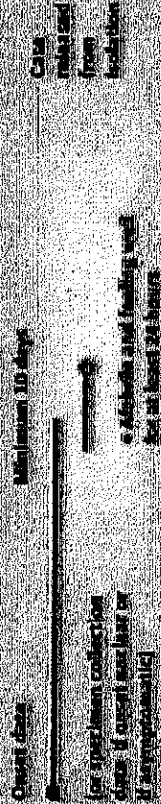
On behalf of the Illinois State Police (ISP, Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI), Zone 5 office, I would like to thank you for your efforts in the ongoing fight against the Covid-19 virus. Over the past months, ISP has received information regarding suspected violations of the Executive Order related to masking, occupancy limits, and other safety provisions. ISP DCI has worked hand in hand with local law enforcement, local departments of public health, the Illinois Department of Public Health, and our other law enforcement and prosecution partners to address many of these issues. In a majority of these cases, potential violations were resolved through communication and coordination with the business owners, managers and employees. Enforcement action has been necessary in a very small number of instances. If you need any assistance with this matter, please feel free to give us a call. Thank you in advance.

Zone 5 Violent Crimes & SIU  
Division of Criminal Investigations  
Illinois State Police

# CASES

- Must be isolated for a minimum of 10 days\* after symptom onset and can be released when afebrile (without fever-reducing medication) for at least 24 hours and improvement of COVID-19 symptoms
- OR
- If no symptoms, must be isolated for a minimum of 10 days after first positive test for SARS-CoV-2
- OR
- Has 2 negative COVID-19 tests in a row, with testing done at least 24 hours apart

A test-based strategy is no longer recommended in the majority of cases.  
Consult with Infectious Disease MD.



\*A limited number of persons with severe illness or who are severely immunosuppressed may produce replication-competent virus beyond 10 days; this may warrant extending duration of isolation and precautions for up to 20 days after symptom onset or first positive test (if no symptoms).  
Consult with the infectious disease physician.

# CLOSE CONTACTS<sup>1</sup>

- Must be quarantined for 14 days after the last/most recent contact with the case when the case was infectious.
- If a close contact develops symptoms, they should follow isolation rules for cases.

Contact Scenario	Quarantine Period
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has close contact with someone who has COVID-19 and will not have further close contact</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 14 days from the date of last close contact</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has close contact with someone who has COVID-19 and lives with the case but can avoid further close contact</li> <li>• Is under quarantine and had additional close contact with someone else who has COVID-19</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 14 days from when the person with COVID-19 began home isolation</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lives with someone who has COVID-19 and cannot avoid continued close contact (e.g., shared kitchen/bathroom)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resistant quarantine from the last day close contact occurred with anyone who has COVID-19. Any time a new household member gets sick with COVID-19 and close contact occurs, quarantine will need to be restarted.</li> <li>• Quarantine for 14 days after the person who has COVID-19 meets the criteria to end home isolation (above).</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> For COVID-19, a close contact is defined as any individual who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to positive specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated.

Guidance for Healthcare Worker Contacts : <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/qc/return-to-work.html>

Guidance for Critical Workers in Essential Infrastructure:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/community/critical-workers/essential-infrastructure-safety-practices.html>

## Role of PCR testing<sup>2</sup> after discontinuation of isolation or precautions

- For persons previously diagnosed with symptomatic COVID-19 who remain asymptomatic after recovery, retesting is not recommended within 3 months after the date of symptom onset for the initial COVID-19 infection. In addition, quarantine is not recommended in the event of close contact with an infected person.
- For persons who develop new symptoms consistent with COVID-19 during the 3 months after the date of initial symptom onset, if an alternative etiology cannot be identified by a provider, then the person may warrant retesting; consultation with infectious disease or infection control experts is recommended. Quarantine may be considered during this evaluation based on consultation with an infection control expert, especially in the event symptoms develop within 14 days after close contact with an infected person.
- For persons who never developed symptoms, the date of first positive RT-PCR test for SARS-CoV-2 RNA should be used in place of the date of symptom onset.



Jeff D. Wood  
Sheriff



## EDGAR COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Mr. John Kraft

Mr. Kraft,

Under the ILLINOIS Freedom of Information Act, III. Rev.Stat., 116 I am responding to your FOIA request dated on 11/14/2020.

Enclosed you will find copies of all communications between the Edgar County Sheriff's Department and the Edgar County Health Department that took place within the past 90 days.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Wood".

Jeff Wood  
Edgar County Sheriff

County Clerk, please forward this to the Sheriff's FOIA Officer.

On behalf of the Edgar County Watchdogs, Inc., and in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act I am requesting the following.

If you are not the FOIA officer, please forward to the FOIA officer as required by statute.

Electronic copies requested.

- **All communications between the Edgar County Sheriff's Department and the Edgar County Health Department, any municipal, county, or state law enforcement or regulatory agency/entity regarding COVID-19-related mitigation violations (Executive Orders, IDPH regulations, etc.) and food serving establishments within Edgar County This would be within the past 90 days.**


Electronic copies are requested.

**This is not a commercial request.**

This is also a request for fee waiver, should any fees be imposed, as this information bears on the public business of the local and state governments in Illinois and will be used to inform citizens of the actions of their public officials, of their rights and responsibilities, of news and current or passing events, and of articles of opinion or features of interest to the public. The principal purpose of this request is to access and disseminate information regarding the health, safety, and welfare or the legal rights of the general public and is not for the principal purpose of gaining a personal or commercial benefit

*I, and the organizations I represent, qualify as both media and non-profit under the definitions in Section 2 (c-10) ("Commercial purpose"), Section 2 (f) ("News media"), Section 2 (g) ("Recurrent requester"), and Section 2 (h) ("Voluminous request") of the Freedom of Information Act, for the purposes of being exempt to the provisions of Section 3.1 (Requests for commercial purposes), Section 3.2 (Recurrent requesters), Section 3.6 (Voluminous requests), and Section 6 (Authority to charge fees). Additionally, I, and the organizations I represent, qualify as "news media" under the Illinois Vehicle Code, Section 1-148.5.*

Thanks,  
John Kraft



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Per request, I am forwarding this email to you.

August H. Griffin  
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