

## **Keeping Our Distance: A Social Distancing COVID-19 Fact Sheet**

Schools, businesses and organizations are taking great efforts to keep their employees and students healthy and keep so schools and businesses can remain open. We appreciate everyone's cooperation and recognize everyone misses their usual activities and interactions with others.

Allen County continues to experience community spread of COVID-19. Many people are feeling the effects of COVID-19, whether it is because someone in their family is sick, or someone in their family has to quarantine. Everyone must comply with safety measures in and out of school or work to help slow the community spread.

### **Consider these facts:**

- The virus that causes COVID-19 spreads from person to person, even before symptoms start. Being in close contact with other people makes it more likely that more people will continue to get sick.
- Most of the people who have gotten sick recently report being in close contact with others at parties, weddings, and other day-to-day activities.
- We need everyone to help slow the spread of the coronavirus. As we approach the holidays, we have to keep our guard up and remember we still need to do things differently.
- Businesses and schools are taking extra measures to limit contact between people so they can be open. We all need to remember to make these same adjustments in our own social circles.

**Social distancing only works if we all participate.**

Every decision regarding participation in an activity should be filtered through the following questions:

- Will all participants present be able to maintain distancing of at least 6 feet apart from one another?
- Will participants be wearing face coverings consistently and correctly, e.g. taken off only if actively eating or drinking?
- Will hand washing and sanitizing opportunities be readily available?
- Will cleaning and disinfecting be conducted regularly?
- Will there be only a small number of people present, e.g. no crowds?

If you can't answer yes to these questions you need to reconsider participating in that activity.