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Amazing Volunteer,

As you probably know, effective Monday, May 4, 2020, Indiana moved to phase two of its plan to address the Coronavirus and to begin safely reopening the State for economic and social activities. There are still many restrictions in place and the Governor included a caveat that restrictions may be tightened if there is a significant increase in infections or other evidence that loosened restrictions are significantly endangering public health.

As restrictions begin to lift in our communities, Big Brothers Big Sisters is asking our volunteers to wait a little longer before beginning in-person outings with your Littles. This new guidance is subject to change if the State reevaluates its restrictions.

1. We recommend waiting additional time before reuniting with your Little. Many restrictions, including restrictions on restaurants, are beginning to lift **May 11, 2020**. There may be safer activities available to you at that time. If any party, Big, Little or parent/guardian, is uncomfortable with in person meetings at that time, whether for reasons specific to you or due to more general safety concerns, you do not have to meet in person and you will not be pressured to meet in person.

2. If any party to the match is at heightened risk from the Coronavirus, you should not meet in person at this time.

- Heightened risk factors include advanced age, respiratory illness, diabetes and immune system suppression, among many others.
- The CDC has further guidance at this link: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html Use your good judgment for your safety.
- Make use of our virtual match activities which can be found on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/mentoringkids.org) and at mentoringkids.org/bigsonly

3. If any party is suffering from a current illness or has a current illness in their home, you should wait until all are well before having an in person outing.

4. If you do start in-person outings the week of the 11th, please use reasonable safety precautions.

- While traveling together by car we recommend you each wear a mask.
- Consider uncrowded outdoor activities, if possible.
- Avoid any close physical contact.
- Wash hands and bring along hand sanitizer.
- Parents should communicate any restrictions they require and give specific approval to the outing.
- Bigs should be clear on planned activities when communicating with parents.
- Large groups should be avoided.
- Stay local and keep outings to a reasonable length at this time.

We think the environment and status of the Coronavirus transmissions make it reasonably safe for most matches to start to meet and engage in activities that follow, to the extent possible, social distancing guidelines. **This is NOT required at this time. If you have questions or want to discuss a possible outing, please contact your Match Support Specialist.**

Thank you for all you do!

Big Brothers Big Sisters Staff