

Gaming Commission Orders Indiana Casinos To Close For Two Weeks

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The Indiana Gaming Commission ordered the state's gaming and horse-racing operations to close, which includes off-track betting sites.

The Indiana Gaming Commission ordered the state's casinos to close, effective Monday morning at 6 a.m.

That's in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The closure begins Monday and runs for at least two weeks, though [Gov. Eric Holcomb urged](#) people last Thursday to halt gatherings of more than 250 people. It applies to all gaming and horse-racing operations, which includes off-track betting sites.



The commission's order does not apply to the Four Winds Casino in South Bend, which is operated by the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians. That casino says it will close its buffet, eliminate live entertainment and reduce seats at slots, table games and bars.

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This is a rapidly evolving story, and we are working hard to bring you the most up-to-date information. However, we recommend checking the websites of the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) or the [Indiana State Department of Health](#) for the most recent numbers of COVID-19 cases.

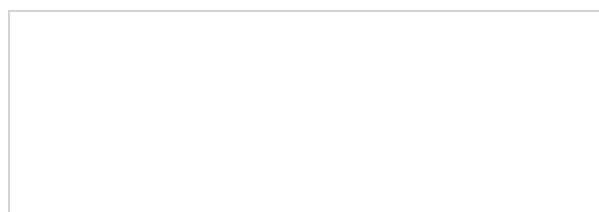
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