

The idea of reallocating the Food and Beverage Tax to benefit local restaurateurs is one of several that has emerged in the last few days, during which we've seen a lot of energy, creativity, and generosity emerge with regard to taking care of our local businesses and our vulnerable residents. This response, which is so characteristic of this community, is great to see.

There is a county-wide governmental/institutional task force staying in close communication and leading our emergency response as we proceed through this rapidly changing landscape. The group comprises City and County governments, IU, IU Health, and MCCSC. An important consideration in any decision the group makes is not to jeopardize our county's qualification for federal aid by extending emergency assistance locally. As our reality changes a bit every day, the community task force will continue to welcome the ingenuity and concern of our community partners and proceed with policy decisions that help protect and support our residents' health and our community's well being.