

Governor Holcomb briefing will begin in two minutes for the journalists, joining us in the digital press room. If you would like to ask a question, you can click the raise your hand button when you're called upon, we will unmute your microphone and you will have to unmute your own microphone. Thank you.

Good afternoon thank you for joining us again today and I also wanna thank you for all the sacrifices that you've made over the last number of weeks going on more than a month. now, you're actions I can tell you with certainty have made a difference. a positive difference on where we find ourselves today. I believe that Indiana is quite frankly Fairing better than some other low cows around the world because we got at this quickly we. At this early, when we first saw signs of what was to come, others did not play defense quick enough and so we've we learned very early on that swift action would make a noticeable difference that effective defense is ultimately going to allow us to get to a equally productive offense quicker than I think some other locals will experience as well. That's why we've been so focused on last week and this week. Next week's numbers they will drive the decisions that we make on the ground and we'll continue to be very transparent about those numbers. it will be the case this week at the end of the week on Friday, just

like I've done in the past to look at tweaks on our hunker down Hoosiers executive order it will expire at midnight on Monday next Monday. but we'll as we go into the weekend as Hoosiers across the whole state of Indiana. I want you to know what we're seeing and what we're doing going into the weekend before the. Go into into full effect, we will be able to do that because of again the actions that we've taken because of the progress that we've made in our ability quite frankly to care for those who are in need our ability to ramp up our capacity to care for those who are in need and and then also the actions that we've taken to contain to mitigate. We knew this would work. We knew this was the most important tool in action that we could use and take and to date. we can see that we can see that progress but at the very same time, as we've said every day we've said that this can spread and it spread into all 90 - two of our counties Benton Pike and Perry, where the remaining three but it's in all three of those counties now as well. We see the spread here in the state of Indiana and we see how fast it can spread in places all around the country all around the world. We've got reports recently in in South Dakota, where a meat packing processing plant has 230 - eight positive cases in that one plant, there's some in Iowa now as well in Colorado, which ultimately could threaten our National meet supply and what

we do know is we need these essential businesses? whether it's meat or medicine long list to be up and running and we can't we can't allow ourselves to fall asleep. Where our National supplies are threatened as well and so we'll continue to focus on as I've described in the past the four quarters of this and you were still in this, you know first quarter the mitigation phase of this all will will also move into that second quarter the surveillance, which really just means being able to track contact tracing of folks who have been. determine positive and be able to follow them so we know when we can get them back into the work workforce and that third quarter is when we're all working and it will be different. It will be a different scenario. a new normal there'll be different standards in terms of hygiene and cleanliness and some that will have to wear masks etcetera long list that will get into more as the weekend folds and then ultimately back into that fourth quarter where. We're all growing again so we're still in the Woods, but the good news is that we can see the clearing ahead and it's only because only because of the efforts that we managing that surge managing that peak has to do with us. You me us together. That's how we bring that peak down to a level where we can continue to as we have to date care for those who are in need and get us out of the Woods into the clearing and

with that a more. Up to date
minute by minute lay of the
land I'll turn it over to
Doctor Box Now. Thank you.
Governor Good afternoon
Hoosiers as you can see by our
dashboard today, we added an
additional seven new desk,
unfortunately, from Covered 19
with a total of 330 -. one
cases, These numbers are lower
than we've seen in recent days,
but I don't want you to read a
lot into that often times over
the weekend. We see that labs
and hospitals batch these
numbers and send them to us.
also Weekend, I think that
could definitely have affected
some of the reporting so I
expect to see those numbers go
up over the next several days
as you may have noticed our
online dashboard looks a little
bit different than it has in
the past and so we wanna start
each day kind of updating some
of those numbers as we look
specifically at the numbers,
it's important to note that
this is a very interactive
dashboard that you can actually
toggle on the state of Indiana,
you can go to any individual
County. you can actually look
at the number of tests that are
done. The number of positive
tests and the number of deaths
for that County, so that's a
very interactive map. I hope
you take a moment to go to the
WWW dot Corona Virus dot
Indiana dot Gov website and
look at that. we did our case
demographics by race, which
really haven't changed much
from when I reported last week
with positive test being 17

point eight for our African-American population and our White population about 80 about 50 percent are Latino population. At three point, four percent continues to. Have a significant amount of data that is missing there as we go further into death by race, you can see that about unfortunately, 20 -, one percent of our deaths were in the black population, and they make up about nine point eight percent of our population and our White population about 60 - five percent of the cases we're in the White population in our desk, the Latino population had about one point four percent of those deaths. We will continue to look at those and report on those at a weekly basis. We're going to continue to give. ICU bed updates with regards to our dashboard on a daily basis, as you can see we still have about - four percent of our ICU beds that are available with about 20 - five percent of our beds and use being used by covered patients and 30 - one percent by non covered patients and then when you go on to look at our ventilator status, you can see that about 73 percent of our ventilators in the state are open and ready to be used in 16. By Covered patients. When we talk about capacity, we're most concerned what we're concerned about most is the surge capacity that we have and what we expect to see with regards to covid- 19. Our earlier moderate modeling indicated that it could come as early as this week as our

social distancing measures and requirements have taken effect, it has really made a change in our models and that we are now expecting that surge, potentially at the end of April for probably Marion County First based on their Then other parts of the state in the first couple of weeks of May again, the fact that these models are changing are specifically related to the effects of our social distancing and the success that Indiana has had along with a lot of the other Great Lake States. What this also means is that we can't relax our guard social distancing is still absolutely critical to our overall goal of making sure that we don't overcome our health care system to not only delay in that peak, but flattening that. So that there is a smaller burden on our health care systems Overall, we continue to work with our partners across the state to prepare for whatever that surge looks like and I wanna share some positive updates As I as you saw last week, we launched our first drive thru and we did over 900 test in Maryville in that one-week period of time over four days, we were able to test those 900 people and are getting those results out to them, but we did see about 12. Those early tests coming back positive, We're still gathering that data and we'll be reporting further on that today. we stood up drive through testing in Sellersburg, Evansville, Fort Wayne and in

Gary, to make sure that we are reaching areas that we know have significant disparities and populations and making sure that we are testing everyone across the state. None of these efforts would be possible without the incredible partnership that we've had with regards to Eli Lilly as they. You to make the much needed viral transport media and supply swabs for us in Maryville. We were also very grateful for the partnership that we had with Maryville High School. The school superintendent took incredibly good care of our team up there even bringing a school bus in and and running it so that our workers that were getting very cold out there. We're able to go in and get warmed up between testing patients. we even had volunteers bring food to the site for our volunteer workers that were there and we've been very very blessed. The fact that the National Guard is contributing on a regular basis to the four sites that we are are that we have up and running today. Ivy Tech has also been bending over backwards to help us in Sellersburg and in Evansville, and as I mentioned, the guard is really helping to provide that essential man man power. Our local health departments have been engaged in very excited to be helpful in this process. also also I wanna thank the people that have said in line to be tested because I knew that there were sometimes where that that took a little longer than you would

have. So thank you for your patience and thank you for taking the opportunity to get tested. We also received positive news this weekend from the strategic National stockpile into in that Indiana did receive 100 new ventilators so we are in the process now of working with our hospital systems that have indicated to us that they're using ventilators that maybe are not meant to be ventilators but more ventilators for a surgical procedure and so that we can switch some of those out or hospital systems that have added extra ICU beds and really need them. To support those finally, I really want to express my intense gratitude for the people and companies who have donated so much of the personal protective equipment to help our health care workers. You're gonna hear more about that shortly and I wanna give my personal thanks to everyone that has stepped forward to not only donate but also to produce this personal protective equipment for the state of Indiana. I think there's nothing more important than making sure that we are protecting our frontline health care workers all across the state. Thank you very much. It's a perfect Segway to who we will hear from next but which will be the Secretary of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation Secretary Jim Shellenberger and his chief of staff who you've turned into more of a procurement officer Luke Basso over at the IDC as

well, they are dealing with making sure that our readiness level is up to date and up to the ability to respond to this pandemic on a not just data. Day basis but an hourly basis, but let me also just quickly say I believe that the unprecedented challenge or challenges that is before us right now has revealed the true Indiana Ethos. I believe this gets to who we are who we aspire to be in this time of challenge and you look no further than on a daily basis the income. Offers to help the good people the good acts who are acting very creatively whether it's in their home or on their factory floor, whether they're very close to the hot spot or very far away just look at what is happening when people put the common good above their self. This is how we're able to flatten the curve. This is how we're able to slow the spread and it has been inspiring quite frankly from day one to see. The the number of acts of generosity that are coming our way to Indiana and and it's where our level of confidence is heightened because we did act early, We did act deliberately. We did understand that mitigation would work that that good defense was necessary to start to play offense again. And when you think about that, Indiana Ethos, the who we are and they're coming together shoulder to shoulder. The folks who are manufacturing the PE to the folks who are paying for the PE to the folks who are

aware and the PE so that they can all be able to care for those who are in need so that we sell through this storm as swiftly as possible. we're eternally grateful and what what folks have done has really separated us as an exhibit on how to approach this and so with that no pressure, I'll turn it over to the Secretary of the IDC to put a little detail. Those to those comments, thank you Governor as the governor said on many occasions, the IDC has become sort of a concierge doing a lot of different services and today. we're here to talk to you about the efforts and PPE my chief of staff. Luke Russell is gonna review all the things he's done over the past three weeks with his team and I'll tell you it's been an unbelievable to watch this team at work and to see what their efforts have produced. So with that, I'll turn over Chief Staff Loop also thank you Secretary, said. I'm Luke Paso, chief of staff of the Indiana Economic Development Corporation for the last 20 -. IDC is transformed into a concierge service working with businesses all throughout the state. We have been contacted by numerous Hoosier businesses willing to help and today I'm pleased to announce we have purchased one point nine pieces of PPE from Indiana businesses. Currently we are working with Indiana companies who are making face shields gowns, mask and more the companies we are currently working with come

from all around the state and from a variety of sectors like the Roar Corporation. Who normally produces products for restaurants and bars they have transitioned into making face shields Our team in Richmond usually works in the casket industry who are now making gowns you'll hear from more companies shortly, but it's Indiana companies like these and Berry Global in Evansville, Top Stitch in Elkhart and Williams distribution in Indianapolis, who are helping Indiana receive enough PPE to get through this pandemic. Here's what we've ordered from Indiana companies over 760 60 - face Shields More Gowns over one million face mask goggles more than 60 - bottles of hand sanitizer and over 140 - 1000 gloves today we have received and distributed over 200000 pieces of PPE throughout the state. We expect to receive more than a hundred and 50000 pieces of PPE this week with deliveries daily These Indiana businesses have stepped up in a big way to make PPE we are Private sector partners Donate PPC to the state as well. special. Thank you to everyone who has donated including the Indianapolis Colts Toyota Fiat Chrysler Westfield Outdoors Rally Health and acclaim graphics together with numerous other donors, the state has commitments of over PPE donations and has received a hundred and 40 - to date in total with purchases and donations. The state has received commitments

for over two point Six million pieces Has received over 370 – as the governor likes to say we aren't done yet every day. The team with the IDC is in contact with more companies who can help fight this virus if your company is making PPE or you'd like to learn more about making PPE, please Email Covered Response at IDC dot IGN dot Gov. Finally, I would like to thank the Indiana Department of Transportation in the Indiana National Guard for supply and logistical support and picking up and delivering PPC from Indiana companies. But most importantly, I'd like to thank our colleagues at the Department of Health and all The frontline work. Who are fighting this virus on a daily basis? Now, we'll turn it over to Secretary of Commerce, Jim Shellenberger, who will introduce you to two companies making PPE Secretary. Thank you Luke. We all know the difficulty and the challenge of these times and the challenges we're faced in these times for many Indiana employees and employers across our state. That's why we are so heartened every single day to see tremendous efforts across the state from the private sector companies across the state are reaching out to each other to. Day to us at IDC to offer their support and to see how they can help others Governor Today we are lucky to have two of those businesses joining us virtually first. I am pleased to introduce Pat Jordan, the owner of Jordan Manufacturing based

in Monticello, Indiana. This company is a long-time provider of outdoor furniture textiles, and it shifted production to support our medical workers. Pat Welcome and thank you for joining us today. Good afternoon. Thank you. I'm Pat Jordan. Vice President of sales and one of the owners of Jordan Manufacturing Company I've worked for the company for over - five years now and I've done everything properly sweeping the floors to stuffing cushions to work straight in our current partnership with the state of Indiana during this pandemic. Jordan Manufacturing is a very big little company that has been incorporated for 40 - five years now for 30 - five of In a Hoosier company and our corporate headquarters are located in Monticello, Indiana. we also have a secondary manufacturing facility in Kentlands Indiana, as well as the third plant in Yuma, Arizona. traditionally we are cutting so operation or outdoor patio cushions umbrellas curtains, bean bags and miriam of other products We have about percent of our of our production is dedicated to ecommerce customers when the Whole pandemic started back. I think on March 20 -third after Governor Holcomb called for the citizens to do their part. we as a company made the decision to respond to that call as a Corporation. One of our core values is families not only our own families, but the the work family here in Jordan and

because of these families, we decided that it needed to be a priority to help our Responders health care workers in both Indiana as well as everyone. As a domestic sewing operation, we felt that we could shift our focus and react quickly to producing the level one gowns and masks behind me, you can see one of the gowns that were currently supplying the state with part of the home up for us was getting the first round of yards of fabric into our facilities so it took us approximately a week to to get more seller. Up and running in about a week and a half for Kent we also had to redistribute our employee skills and ship them from departments as needed. currently we approximately employ 620 people domestically These domestic employees are working hard to produce over gallons and over 2000 mask on a weekly basis, and that number continues to climb. you know we've always felt that our employees were our greatest assets. Being in Indiana company we felt that we could help you know our current Hoosiers that are in need during this code in 19 crisis but we also want to be part of the permanent solution to the dependency that we have on foreign Nations for essential products. all our focus is getting through this crisis as quickly as possible. We also would be remiss not to consider the impact. It has on our lives and again we want to be part of that Long-term solution for

Indiana. Thank you. Thank you.
Patrick. Thank you for stepping
up to answer the call to assist
your fellow Hoosiers next I
would like to introduce Andy
Kitson of GDC in Goshen
Indiana. This woman owned
business typically serves
clients such as Ford Toyota GM
and train, but today they're
supporting production of
personal protection equipment.
Andy Thank you welcome. Thank.
Joining the call today, Thank
you. we're excited about all
the develops we've had with the
State of Indiana. GDC has been
a company since 1950 - five
based out of Goshen Indiana. we
are an automotive company, 90 -
five percent automotive. We
provide diet cuts, molded
plastics and a melt blown
acoustical insulator to the
automotive industry. So as this
pandemic unfolded we we were
concerned and we we met with
our local health care workers
How we could utilize our
production and our engineering
capabilities to help them and
one of the items that they were
really really worried about
where these face shields like
the one. I'm holding my hand
and so one of our associates
named Dan Emory within 20 -
four hours not only had a
prototype, but he also had a
plan for us to manufacture 4000
of these shields a day. Our
objective was to make an
effective and low cost shield
so Out to Jackie Marsy's office
who put us in contact with Luke
Boso and within a few days
working with Luke's team, we
had an order for 60000, which

was our first order and this was perfect because we did not want to work through a middleman. We're not a retail shop. We make parts and it was great to work with the state. It was a perfect fit for both of us. So now a few weeks after we're actually making 30,000 of these shields a day and hundreds of thousands of these shoes. Will go to the state of Indiana through this partnership at the same time, we're working with the state of Indiana. Our customers reached out to us and they knew that we made a melt blown acoustical product, and this is the same process that Filtrations made for surgical mask like the filtration. I have here in my hand, it's just a melt blown polypropylene so our team in Elkhart plant led by Doug Troyer three purpose. Our machines are melt blown lines to create this media is so important for these mask manufacturers. It's very hard to get so currently all the Mass made by Ford and GM who are ramping up to make one million mask a day are made right here in Indiana. The the filtration media is made here and we're committed to working with them and other companies, other Mass makers and getting him this very important media. Our plan is working around the clock and we're currently making enough media every day for six million. Mask so it's very important job that our team in Elkhart has the other thing we worked on is there's been a lot of people. a lot of groups, a lot of companies that

have made these fabric mess. This is one that I've been wearing and these are great. They're wonderful. people dress them up in a lot of different ways. the the problem with these is that as you're wearing em, I have allergies a lot of people have allergies and and you cough throughout the day or you might sneeze heaven forbid and it would soil this during the day, so we came up with a product that utilizes our filter. Media that you can actually place into the mess you can see this is what I've been wearing and I put this filtration media right here so that if something would happen, I would cough, I would sneeze. It's gonna do its job and catch the mucus and everything out the nastiness and it's made out of a polypropylene. So it's it's it's naturally hydrophobic and you can just remove this and throw it away and dispose properly and then put a new one in and and then you don't have a soiled mask for the rest of the day. We worked with Goshen Hospital on this and they're currently using 7000 of these inserts a week. Those are just a. The things that we're trying to do to help the state in this country through this pandemic and I can't tell you how honored we are to be working with the state of Indiana have how easy they've made it for us to get these things quickly out to the public and to these health care workers. Thank you. Thank you. Andy and what you're doing at GDC is absolutely remarkable and we appreciate

your enthusiasm, which is contagious to our team Governor these are only two companies of very many examples of incredible work. Indiana businesses are doing throughout the state. I know Luke Basso IDC. Chief of staff touched on this, but I wanna touch on it once more and reiterate that the commitment and dedication of Indiana's private sector has been outstanding. We have 15 Indiana businesses that are manufacturing our shipping one point nine million pieces of PPE over 440000 of those piece of have donated by companies from Indiana and governors, you know just an hour or two ago rally Health Executive Grant for standing reached out to us to donate 150. To the IDC so that we can purchase over 50 - face mask shields and gowns, and we expect these numbers to continue to grow our team at IDC has been in conversation with more than companies that have pledged their assistance and their support for us during this crisis. Every day we hear from Indiana businesses, employees, nonprofits and everyday citizens that are asking how they could donate unused PPE to help with medical workers, the medical workers and to help those impacted 19 in this time of challenge and uncertainty, we've seen businesses and who's your step up together like never before all this to say and to reinforce you can't keep Hoosiers down. and that's why I'm so confident to once again,

give you my word that as we continue to move to the new norm, we will take Indiana economic development to the next level in Indiana, a state that works for everyone. Mister Secretary Thank you Luke as well. Thank you to Jordan Manufacturing and GDC.

Obviously this and to all those companies you mentioned Raleigh but all those other companies from around the state around the country they embody that Hoosier ingenuity that we're famous for and talk about operating at the speed, not at the speed of business, but at the speed of the need, this is impressive and when we send out. Help signal people come running and this is allowing us to this is not an overstatement to save lives and to care for those who are in need and that means we're gonna get back quicker to our full workforce potential and and I hope saving a lot of lives along the way so with that, thanks out of the way for the for the day, we'll jump right into the questions that you may have on your mind.

Abdur. In politics, Good afternoon, good afternoon governor thank you all very much for being with the state two questions one productive box with the data that you gave us saying well, maybe we're looking at maybe the surge at the end of the month of May. what day are you folks looking at that's different than maybe that some of us publicly HOME and for you Governor anywhere concern about lawmakers revolting or maybe some who

just getting one state talking about legislation to limit your ability to declare emergencies. There's a guest scheduled. On Saturday at 30 'clock at the Governor's Residence by some folks, thank you maybe extend expanding your authority. I'll just I'll stop talking. I'll take the first one first and I'll take a crack at that. so I don't wanna give an exact date, but we're kind of looking at the last week of April until the first couple of weeks of May, with regards to Marion County and then other sites across the state of Indiana and I would just say that not only do I sympathize I understand where Hoosiers including. Makers who have a vested interest in representing their constituency about this new normal that we find ourselves in obviously we'll seek to work with our legislative partners as we have from day one. obviously we don't wanna jeopardize our relationship with the federal funding that's coming our way that a lot of our executive orders have centered around making sure that we have the proper timeline the proper safety measure. In place to be able to mitigate to be able to reach Hoosiers that are in need so we'll continue to work with them, but we've we've acted constitutionally throughout this entire process and you know if if if we disagree about that and I'd I'd be more than welcome to sit down with anyone that wants to go over the constitution or see where our

our authority is derived from.
but I'd like to agree with them
if it's a constitutional issue.
But if I agreed with them, we
both be wrong and. We'll
continue to to carry on with
making sure that we're doing
everything that we can on a
timely basis to get us through
this and back to work safely.
Jeff Smith WL FRI. Hello Jeff
Good afternoon. Good afternoon
Governor Good to good to speak
with you again. Yup. Hey, hey.
hey as you and your task force
look to the day that things
could start re. What's your
President? Trump tweeted this
morning that that the President
has the authority to do that.
What's your understanding about
Indiana's role to act
independently of what may or
may not be happening? nature to
why well we wanna, of course we
wanna remain not just in line
with our state authority but
also understanding the balance
that it's the balance between
federalism and States rights. I
think the President. Hoosiers
best interest in mind, I don't
think he wants to nor do I act
prematurely and getting back to
work. He's looking at the same
data that we're looking at In
fact, spoke to the Vice
President Pence yesterday or
two days ago on on Saturday
about the very data that they
see and it's the same data we
see that's the beauty of being
transparent about all this.
that's the beauty of being
connected on an hourly daily
basis. Not just me but our
whole. As you mentioned
taskforce, whether it's with

Fema or Homeland security or the Army core or you name it we're all in this together. That's just not a catchy slogan or phrase that actually is true and so we'll continue to work with the President and his team looked to them for CDC guidance along the way as this virus changes and mutates and evolves and as the waves are crashing on the shore of of. States around the country the country just like our state. We've got health regions in the state of Indiana. They're all affected differently, but they all can be in are affected and so we have to be able to respond in real time to what those actual needs are so we'll continue to work with the administration as we have today, Mary Mills WTHR Good afternoon Mary Hello Governor Couple of questions for you first of all what where we. In terms of unemployment filings, what do you expecting and how prepared are you for those numbers and also where are we with the number of small business loans processed and then Doctor Box? I've got a question for you as well related to the Bethany Point Nursing home last week. you mentioned that there were I believe 24 deaths of facility for those patients. employees are both because the dashboard was 15. so we're just curious whether those death. Are being counted in other counties. Why don't you take the third one first and then we'll go back sure that is a combination of patients and employees. I

believe, but I can check with that. but it may be a little bit different because some of those individuals were suspected, Coven, 19 deaths not necessarily tested positive covered 19 deaths and there is a lag time and when the hospitals sometimes actually report those deaths to us so that may be the difference in. You're seeing with the dashboard and Mary let me before I kick it over to Fred Payne at the Department of Workforce Development. Let me just say about your second question. we intend on having the dean of the delegation. Senator Todd Young here tomorrow, he'll be specifically talking about those SBA loans and the banks here in the state of Indiana and the status or the progress that we've been able to make on that front in addition to other aspects of the Cares Act, so he'll he'll go more in depth about. Tomorrow, but we do know of banks that are working right now directly throughout the state of Indiana directly with our small business owners. We think this is a critically important piece to getting from you know the second quarter to the third quarter to the fourth quarter back to that growth. is making sure that our employees herbs know that there is the ability to hire back on or keep their employees so they have that team in place to hit the ground or the court in this sense. Running from from right now until two weeks, four weeks two months from now, Fred you,

you wanna talk about how the hundred and 30 - 1000 or how is downward. You adjusted it from last week to this week and where we are currently in terms of our unemployment insurance benefits claims sure, so we did have a reduction last weekend well the week before the numbers that we reported last week, we're down a little bit from the previous week somewhere between 13 to 16000. we may see similar number. This week, we'll release those on Thursday but what we can share with you today is that the number of filings have been consistently over a hundred and 20000 per week for the last 22 and a half weeks. we don't anticipate that number going down anytime soon. our system has been working well in terms of accepting claims we still continuously have high call volumes and we are having some difficulty and some. Concerns with our call volumes that we are actually addressing on a daily basis. Thank you for it And Mary. Thank you. Rob Burgess the Wabash Plain Dealer Good afternoon Rob Hey Governor. How are you today? Good? Thank you very much and yourself. Oh. I'm great. thanks for the opportunity. I was appreciate it Doctor Box our local solid waste district has said these PPE such as masks and gloves should be treated like Biohazard waste and not just regular trash. it maybe if anyone else wants to jump into from the manufacturers there but can they be safely washed

and reused and also how where
and how often should this be
disposed of so if you're
talking? PPE from hospital
systems where we're actually
dealing with known COVID-19
patients, especially those that
are interacting with patients
that have procedures and other
things like ventilation that
can typically bring about more
aerosol procedures. Those would
be disposed in our Red bags and
hospital systems know how to as
do emergency rooms ER everyone
knows how to manage that and
and how to dispose of that. if
you're talking about the Mass
that individuals are wearing
out every day. you can wash
that at home easily because
again that's to try to protect
people that you come in contact
with to make sure that you
don't inadvertently infect
someone that maybe you might
potentially be in a symptomatic
carrier. we were talking a
little bit about an insert
inside a mask, and I know that
people have been using
something as simple as a paper
towel inside their mask to try
to soak up any secretions and
then throwing that away and
again that's fine because again
that the purpose of that is, we
don't think you're infected. We
just want to protect you from.
Potentially infecting someone
else. Thank you Rob Jenny from
Wish TV Good afternoon Jenny
Good afternoon Governor just
just one question Indiana's
making vote by mail available
to everybody for the primary in
June. Well, the President. He's
repeatedly expressed that he

opposes such a plan and then it leads to voter voter fraud. Do you think there's a vote by mail is safer in Indiana and would you consider using it again in November if we still face a threat from the rivers, then yeah, we're we're in call. Discussions with both the major parties here in the state of Indiana and obviously with the Secretary of State, we wanna make sure my my standard is our elections need to be safe and they need to be secure and the federal government to their credit has already forwarded a lot of funding the appropriate level I think to to be used toward conducting our elections in both a safe and secure manner. Those details are being negotiated right now on that June second election obviously having been to. But also looking forward to that November election, so we wanna make sure that the steps that we take set the right precedent and I look forward to having Secretary of State County Lawson with us at some point in the future, whether she's remote that we're at this table to update us on how people will be voting in the state of Indiana and we'll wait until then to to share the final details as they're agreed upon cater KKK. Wayne TV Good afternoon.

You have to immutable your own microphone.

Alright. Thank you Governor my question is for doctor Box so there are two nursing homes in Fort Wayne raising concern for our community. One has

confirmed cases the other we're waiting on confirmation from I'll start with the first so Life Care Center of Fort Wayne on April eighth confirmed six cases of Corona virus amongst residents and associates. We wanted to know if there's any updates on their facility as far as new cases, deaths or major actions being taken. Doctor Dan You have any updates on that for me.

Hi, Dan Renacci Chief Medical officer for FSA. we are aware and have been in contact with Life Care daily. I don't have any updates from today but we do have folks are in contact vent with them today and we'll get that new information probably shortly and then have you heard anything from Bethlehem Woods nursing facility. We've been getting a lot of reports that there is a case there. What's the name of that one Bethlehem Woods nursing facility. That's not one that's on in the front of my head but we can look into in our list and see if we have information. That Whitney Downard, CNH Hello Whitney, Good afternoon hello and good afternoon. My question is also about some specific nursing homes. We have the two in Anderson County Madison County, Bethany Point and Summit Health and Living You know what kind of the update on what's happening there or are there any testing updates and strike teams? Still there? What are the numbers that we're seeing from those two facilities in Madison County?

Dance coming back to the podium.

which with the facilities again, that was in Bethany Point, yes, Bethany Point we get a daily line list from them. we have as we mentioned the other day tested everyone at that facility in terms of positives we have reported all the positives that we have from the last test on Friday, there is a one additional death that has been at Bethany Point, but I want to clarify some information originally the We had listed as that had died on Friday was 20 - one that number has been corrected. it is we listed it at 20 - four that number has been corrected. It was 20 - one on Friday and it's now 20 - two. so that is the accurate number. the other one was Summit Ville. I have those numbers but I don't have him on the top of my head, but we can take a look at those. I don't know if any new deaths that I've heard from them With them and we have now every long-term care facility where there is an active covert case, we are in contact with them every day asking them. Do you have a new case? Do you have a new death and is there any new information so that we can do a better job with our strike teams do a better job with our folks who are in infection control to get back out to those facilities and see whatever we can do to help mitigate it. Michael W B E Z
Good afternoon Michael Good
afternoon Governor. Doctor Box
Thank you for taking my

question actually have two this one is for Doctor box the Porter County Health Department tells me that it's only being allowed to do five tests per week for Covid- 19, and that's all they've been given for a County of a hundred and 70000. they feel they could handle at least a hundred a hundred per day if there was a lab willing to work with them. But one lab involve wants like a hundred and \$30000 up front to do the What if anything can be done about this? my second question is with so many people in Northwest Indiana, not having a primary care position to go about getting a referral to get tested if they feel they might be sick. is there a solution to this problem as well? So both really good questions. I'll answer the second one first a couple of things that's why we went into Northern Indiana Lake County to make sure that we could do drive through testing for individuals that were symptomatic again looking at those. Employees health care workers individuals that were with EMS fire Department law enforcement etcetera to try to make sure that you and we didn't even require a doctor's order. It was just if you come through and you're symptomatic will be glad to test you with regards to the testing in Porter County that that has not been a problem that I've heard. I will tell you that any hospital system that reaches out to us. That says that they're running short on tests.

we actually are very. Test kits to them with homemade viral transport media from Lily and swabs, and we we've been supplying hospitals all over the state with that lab core is available across the state as quest and my understanding from two reliable sources now is that lab course backlog has been taken care of and so they're in a two to three day turnaround. So I'm not understanding exactly what the bottleneck is with testing there, but you can certainly reach out to me an Email and Be glad to look into that situation for you. Tom Davies. The Associated Press afternoon Tom

what specifically is your administration doing to plan for an ease these stay-at-home restrictions when you talk about the third quarter in the fourth quarter, and do you believe that such decisions solely rest, but the governors, or with President Trump as he's asserting will will work with the administration. we will not surprise them on steps that we take that are in our authority to take we'll continue. To look at the facts on the ground as we make those decisions, I mean what will drive us is making sure that we have the number of the capacity to to care for those who are in need that that ensures that we don't collapse our health care system that that's gonna enable us to get back to work. if we don't have healthy workers, we're not gonna be able to do our part when we get through this storm

so we'll look at bed availability. We'll look at ventilator of availability all the making sure that we have the necessary laws. The PPE levels not just for now, but for the future as well, we've we've gone through a lesson learned process here too, and what I wanna do is ultimately make sure that we have a strategic state stock pile that can be drawn upon at the end of the day after this is behind us, it should there be a second wave come fall like some suggest there could be we need to be in a better position then when we first went into this. Storm and so we'll look at that. we'll we'll look at our ability to as the Commissioner of Health Doctor Box has has eluded to we'll look at our ability or capacity to test more people on a first and foremost to test those who are symptomatic. Secondly to test those who are you know on the front lines? we wanna make sure that our employers are able to test as well when we're back to work in in in a full scale manner And so all those factors how we mentioned surveillance, that's kind of a a big word for being able to follow the positive cases to do contact tracing so that we know how to mitigate in the future when folks should be back at work and when they should still remain in corn, tiner and self isolation and then making sure that we're looking at a proper time period again we look toward the. CDC for some of these guidance as well. so when

you look at how many days need to go by before they would recommend your numbers being declined before they would recommend resuming to those back to normal so to speak measures But when we do return to work, things will be different and we're working with our private sector partners here in the state of Indiana who want to do everything that they can to make sure that their employees aren't. Feeling confident about the safe working space but are in fact safe Jake Thomas Fox, - Five Fort Wayne Hello Jay Jake You have to immutable your own microphone.

We'll come back to Jake Brandon Smith, Indiana Public Broadcasting afternoon Brandon Afternoon governor so Doctor Box you talked about the latest modeling suggesting that the surge will be later than we originally thought late April early May modelling done by the Institute's the Institute for health metrics and evaluations that Indiana, Indiana is actually already passed what they say is the peak for resource use so beds and ventilators, and that the number of deaths that Indiana should expect from Covid- 19, is significantly less than original projections showed. Do you see the same sort of modeling for the number of deaths which they have it about total What is your surge not match up with theirs? Well? I think our search doesn't match up with theirs because our surge predictions are based

much more specifically on Indiana numbers alone. So we're we're looking at Indiana numbers. We're looking at what we've done with social distancing. We're looking at with regards to where our numbers are highest and what part of our state. What our hospitalizations look like in our event, you should usage looks like and I really do believe that we have not seen the peak. That that surge yet, but I do believe it. We will be a lot lower, which is is the result of all the very strict guidelines and and actually you know the the requirements that we've had for social distancing in the state and and I think that's a really important fact. you wanna talk about how you look at four or five different models and then bring it to you know. so so this is we every every week we sit down with a a group of very intelligent. Credibly bright data engineers and and public health professionals who work specifically with these models, We look at a number of different models and basically they work together as a team to digest those models and to figure out which model Indiana is actually following most closely and then based on that they digest those models for us and then give us basically the report and the information that we need they look at each model for its simple. And for its complexity, it's positive and it's negative and I you know, I've heard Doctor Fouche say multiple times. Every model is

only as good as what you put into it, So we we are using models that we are really trying to model exactly what's happening here in the state while some of those models Brandon, that one that you referred to again just to repeat what she said and non medical English we we are looking at Indiana specific numbers and facts on the grounds. The models are looking at the nation as a whole and so that's why it's important for us to absolutely look at what they're seeing globally but to bring it back home and and we have tracked throughout this whole process very closely to what the lay of the land truly is today and yesterday and what I suspect will be tomorrow, Lindsey or Dottie The Indianapolis Business Journal Good afternoon Lindsay Good afternoon Governor. I'm sure. Curious with the federal stimulus stimulus checks that are should be showing up in Bank accounts shortly those can't be seas for debt owed to the federal government or state government. but what about to private debt collectors are you doing anything or should anything be done to make sure that money can't be seized by those individuals. First, I've heard of that Chris do you have any comment or we can make sure that we elaborate on this specific issue tomorrow when Senator Young is here, he may have heard of that. but we're we're we're looking forward to that. The date that we've been told Previus has been April 20

-fourth when a lot of this funding will see its way into the state of Indiana so right around the corner and we'll have an answer before then Eric Berman WBC Good afternoon Good afternoon governor question and a clarification for you. you said there will be tweaks to the executive order on Friday given that we're looking for the surge to come in late April early May is it safe to say that the executive order will be extended or is there still a possibility that that it would be ended on Monday and suddenly more broadly six of your colleagues in the Northeast say they're gonna be coordinating Unreal opening. Have you or do you plan? To talk with Governor Dewine and Governor Pritzker, the other neighbor governors. Tweaks means tweaks I'm not I'm not sold on any of them yet the numbers that we see coming through in the next five days, , that will be able to project or predict what will happen because of those today through Friday. we'll determine what tweaks are made whether it's in terms of escalation or deescalation secondly, I remain in close contact actually speak to Governor Dewine and Governor Brashear because of our unique. Connection down in southeastern Indiana, but I'm on the phone with them on a weekly basis. separate of all my other conversations with all of the governors, including Governor Pritzker in Illinois in Whitmore in Michigan. so we're we're talking constantly about the Great Lakes region. I I

probably have never in my life quoted in New York Times, but I will today maybe the last time, but the New York Times ran a story an illustration that that called out in a positive manner. Great Lakes States for what we were doing in terms of our mitigation efforts and how in their words we were crushing it meaning what we were doing because we got in this early because we acted as a region in the Great Lakes, it was making a profound difference in our numbers, and that gives us a source of optimism, but what we don't wanna do is come up short or relax at the wrong time and then see another wave. come back. You talk about all of the sacrifices that Hoosiers have made We don't wanna go through this or make a call prematurely and go through this again. that would be even worse and so we wanna be safe, not sorry and continue to lean into this because we know the difference a positive difference it's making in our region and as you state, we're all connected and so we have talked Governor Beshear Governor DeWine and I have talked about when we get to that day from a regional perspective of reopening or reentering What those certain steps may be. We're not there yet. But we've talked about what that day may look like and they'll be a number of of kind of a stair step approach to if this then this if this then this but it will be driven by the data. not just our hope. Our final question is from Kayla Sullivan Fox 50 – nine.

Hello Kayla Good afternoon Good afternoon Governor. I have a question for both you and Doctor Bob's. I'll start with the governor's question. Do you think the Indiana Department of Corrections is doing enough to protect prisoners and do you support the release of Non-violent And then my question for doctor Box last week, you told me you were looking at Monday to get rid of provider requirements to decide who gets tested and possibly expand. the number of people being tested is that happening today and do we expect more people to be tested as a result, the great question Kayla Thank you for asking it. I actually wanted to mention in my opening remarks and forgot so yes, we got rid of what we called basically a Red cap survey where providers had to document why they thought that individual needed to be tested that is completely gone as of this weekend and we reiter. With our providers that we felt like we needed to be testing symptomatic people people that are in the high-risk population, but also people that you know may not necessarily need to be admitted to the hospital. You know they, they may wanna test an individual that is overweight and individual that has diabetes. We want our providers and we were very very clear on a phone call earlier today with Chief medical officers and CEOs from over 20 - five hospitals on the phone today that we want them to test who they think

needs to be tested. That's We have more testing capacity and we wanna use it and Kayla what I would say and I I can have the director Rob Carter, step up and and also elaborate on this, but you know from the very outset of this Doctor, Box said. And I have repeated that one of our chief concerns was any contained area of living whether it be a nursing home because of their specific vulnerabilities or a. Room or at the Department of Corrections, those who are incarcerated, We have not had some of the outbreaks yet, and I hope we don't in our Department of corrections as some other States have this is because I think of our quick and swift action and our ability to quarantine or to separate whether it's an officer or someone who is paying their debt to society. we have acted very quickly. so to date, I think we've done an Adam Robillard. Job I do not believe in releasing those low level offenders we have sent guidance the Legislature our administration and the judiciary to locals in the way that they are incarcerating individuals in terms of those low level offenders, but we've got our offenders in a safe place. We believe maybe even safer than just letting them out to avoid contracting this covid-. Rob you wanna take it from there. Thank you. Governor. Yes. Rob Carter, Indiana Department of Corrections at the 20 - two locations that we have around

the state. Seven of them are contaminated with the virus. there are 20 - seven offenders in those seven. so I feel like we do have a good handle on this we have them quarantine. We have them separated they are isolated and I think as a governor, said, I think we're doing the best we can do with with what I think we have a good handle on it. Thank you and Rob you to put that in perspective, you said. You've got 20 - seven facilities. You've also got about 20 - 7000 folks who are incarcerated and you said 20 - seven. There are 20 - seven offenders that have been infected with the virus. We have 20 - two facilities so and have the 20 - two facilities, seven have been affected and what's the total population Thank you for joining Governor Hogan's briefing. The next briefing will be tomorrow at :30 PM Eastern.