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## **SOCIAL DISTANCING AND MASKS-WE CAN'T SAY IT ENOUGH!**

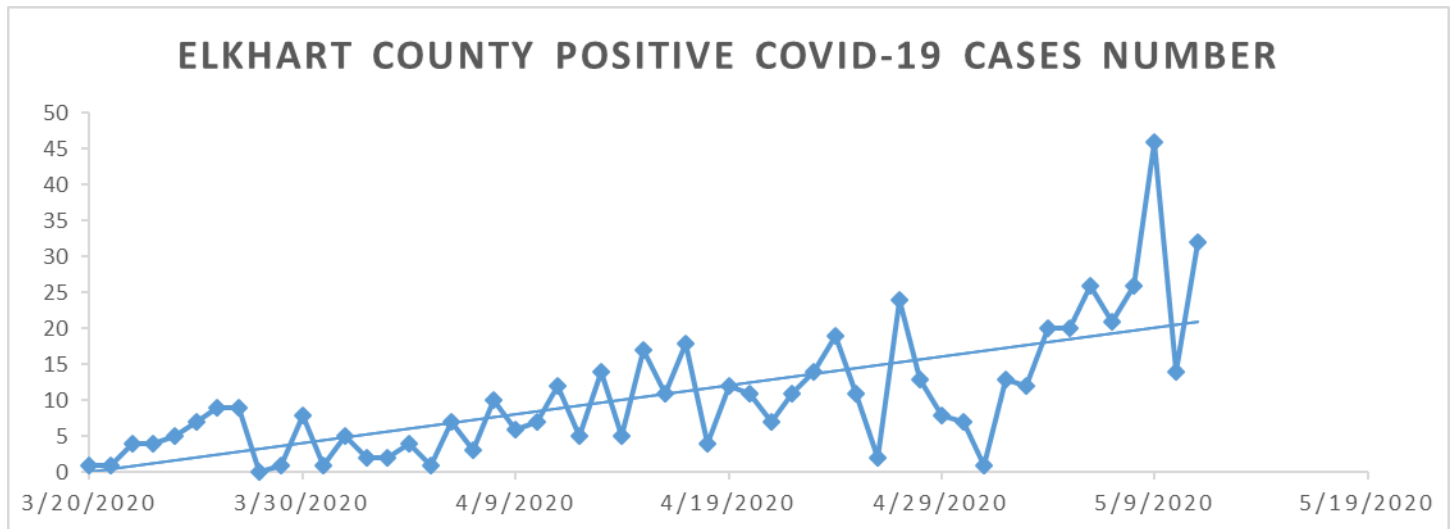
As we, at Incident Command, look at the 21<sup>st</sup> death in Elkhart County and reflect on what we have said so many times in all forms of communication, it occurs to us that we need to continue to say this because some people are not understanding.

COVID-19 does NOT discriminate. It can and will infect anyone that comes into contact with it. It will infect you and those around you. It will also shed itself on those close to you. So, how do you do the right thing not to infect your family, friends, co-workers, and others when you may not even realize that it is attached to you?

You use social distancing! You wear a mask as required and as necessary. You wash your hands every two hours at a minimum. You use hand sanitizer in between washing your hands. You avoid touching your face, and you wash frequently touched surfaces to protect your family, friends, co-workers, and others.

Just because we are opening back up, doesn't mean the virus is gone. It means that the hospitals are not inundated with COVID-19 patients. Simply put, right now, there is room for you in the ICU. You must take this seriously. Do yourself and everyone else a favor and remain six feet apart. You never know whose life you may have saved, including your own.

Below is a graph of the positive cases in Elkhart County. As you can see, the trend is still going up. This is why you must use social distancing.



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