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Eric J. Holcomb
Governor

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Dear Race Track Operator,

In recent days, we've heard from a number of you about plans to get your 2020 racing seasons underway. Thank you for the conversations you've had with members of our COVID-19 enforcement group, including State Police Supt. Doug Carter and other members of his staff, as we have worked to get our arms around your plans in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. We appreciate your patience and cooperation.

Our goals since early March when we started efforts to combat the growth of COVID-19 in Indiana have centered on slowing the spread of the virus so it does not overwhelm our health care system and protecting our most vulnerable people, especially those over 65 and those with underlying health conditions.

As such, the executive order Gov. Holcomb signed last week, which is effective through May 23, begins to reopen sectors of the economy slowly, limiting events and activities that include crowds of people together in spaces for extended periods of time. Our current social gathering guidelines call for groups of no more than 25 people.

The current executive order does not include a provision for auto racing or karting tracks to begin operations now. Auto Racing and Kart tracks are part of the sports venues and entertainment category, and are not projected to open until a later phase of the governor's plan.

After learning about your plans and concerns, we will make these adjustments:

- No activity, including testing, practice and racing, is allowed at auto racing or karting tracks through May 10.
- Beginning May 11, closed testing and practice sessions are allowed. These must follow the gathering guidelines of no more than 25 people, follow social distancing practices, and those 65 and older or with high-risk medical conditions should not be on site.
- We will coordinate with the grassroots racing industry to develop practices and guidance for racing events that will be considered for the next stage of the state's Back on Track plan.

There is no bigger racing fan than Gov. Holcomb, but we must approach the reopening of our economy slowly with the safety of Hoosiers as our first priority. Thank you for consideration.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Heerens".

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