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**MEMORANDUM**

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Re: Policy for Coronavirus

Dear Officials,

We have received several questions regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and its impact on governmental activities. Currently the questions are centering on disruption of travel, work environment, and employee benefits/compensation.

We urge governing bodies to work in the very near future with their attorneys to develop a policy specific to this emerging pressing situation. It should incorporate those items that could be of concern in the coming months. We would advise that this policy have broad language that may reference more specific materials so that the policy does not need to be constantly updated and approved to address the quickly changing real-time issues. The policy should be adopted through normal processes as provided by statute, including public meetings. IC 5-14-1.5-5(d) provides for emergency meetings if those become necessary. Also, if you have collective bargaining, do not forget to consider the agreement's impact.

We will not take audit exception to these policies and resulting responses that are due to the Coronavirus.

We will be providing in a separate communication Monday suggestions and items to consider.

Please continue to send any questions to the Directors, they may be reached at 317-232-2512.

The wellbeing of our citizens is paramount to us all.

Sincerely,

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