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**Press Release:
February 26, 2021**

Indiana, PA – Beginning February 4, 2021 the Indiana Borough Police Department began receiving complaints that a business in the 500 block of Philadelphia Street, on Wednesday evenings, was operating in non-compliance with Pennsylvania’s public health and safety orders to mitigate COVID 19 health risks. As with all COVID 19 concerns – an administrative investigation was initiated. Our investigation involved independent observations, the review of a publicly disseminated video clip, immediate and cordial conversation with the business owner(s), and assistance from the Pennsylvania State Police Bureau of Liquor Enforcement. As of February 26, 2021, we are satisfied that activity inside the business has pursued and is in general conformance with public health and safety standards for business operations – although we recognize the exterior appearance of activity has been contradictory. As of today, our February 4th investigation is closed. However, as with all investigations, closure does not prohibit future investigations for similar allegations. As no criminal charges are pending, we are not specifically identifying the business partner in this release.

Although this specific investigation is closed, we will continue working with stakeholders and borough officials to discuss how crowds, lines, and outdoor public gatherings can be best handled as warmer weather, and the likelihood of a healthier general atmosphere, is nearing.

The Indiana Borough Police Department continues to thank our business community for their general and specific effort and coordination to promote and assure public health and safety. As always, we are committed to being a partner for community success – while remaining true to our responsibility to thoroughly investigate and resolve public health and safety concerns that exist within our purview.

We are committed to enhancing the quality of life in our community by focusing on matters of peace, safety, and comfort. We continue to recognize COVID 19 enforcement action has been polarizing and ask for general patience and continued trust as we find best paths to navigate.