Governor Holcomb has used data to drive decisions since our first case of the novel coronavirus in early March. That will continue to be our practice as we contemplate a sector-by-sector reset. These are the four guiding principles that will determine if stages to reopen various sectors of the economy will move forward:

1. The number of hospitalized COVID-19 patients statewide has decreased for 14 days.

2. The state retains its surge capacity for critical care beds and ventilators.

3. The state retains the ability to test all Hoosiers who are COVID-19 symptomatic, as well as healthcare workers, essential workers, first responders, and others as delineated on the ISDH website.

4. Health officials have systems in place to contact all individuals who test positive for COVID-19 and complete contact tracing.

As we lift restrictions and more people return to work, visit a store or restaurant, and participate in more activities, the number of COVID-19 cases will increase. If we cannot meet these principles, all or portions of the state may need to pause on moving forward, or we may return to an earlier stage of the governor’s stay-at-home order.