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## Lake County Department of Health

### Public Meeting Rules of Decorum

The Lake County Department of Health welcomes the public to attend our Board of Health meetings. These meetings are open under Indiana's Open Door Law (IC 5-14-1.5). Our goal is to maintain an open, respectful, and productive environment so the Board can carry out its work for the community.

### What You Need to Know

- ✓ You have the right to attend and watch all Board of Health meetings.
- ✓ The law does not guarantee the right to speak. Public comment is only allowed at times the Board sets aside.
- ✓ Please remain respectful: no interruptions, shouting, or speaking out of turn.
- ✓ Signs and materials are welcome if they don't block views or disrupt the meeting.
- ✓ If someone disrupts the meeting, the presiding officer may ask them to stop or leave so business can continue.
- ✓ Everyone is held to the same rules, no matter their viewpoint.

### Why These Rules Exist

These rules protect everyone's right to attend and observe while allowing the Board to complete its important work. By following them, you help keep our meetings open, fair, and respectful for the entire Lake County community.

State Statute: <https://iga.in.gov/laws/2024/ic/titles/5#5-14>