



COVID-19: Information for LGBT Hoosiers

Though COVID19 has created a public health emergency, it has not changed the fact that LGBT people have the right to healthcare free from discrimination. LGBT people should be aware of their legal rights so as to make informed decisions about their safety, health, and well-being during this public health emergency. If you think you have been discriminated against, apply or free legal help on-line, by calling 317-829-3180 or via email at lgbtgroup@ilsi.net.

Medical Care

- You have the right to receive care and access services during the COVID-19 outbreak.
 - Medical providers cannot refuse you treatment because you are LGBT
- You have the right to receive medical care free from discrimination, which includes:
 - Being identified by the name and gender marker you use.
 - Given access to bathrooms or other facilities consistent with your gender identity.
 - Right to be free from harassment by staff or other patients.
- Your medical provider may delay transition-related surgery so that hospitals can treat COVID-19 cases.
 - Contact your doctor about that status of your surgery
 - Contact you medical and/or mental health provider for help with increased gender dysphoria associated with a delay

Emergency Services

- Government offices and agencies, including health departments, FSSA, social service agencies, shelter cannot discrimination
- Government offices and agencies must help you as they would any other person.

Name and Gender Marker Changes

- Many courts are not taking any new name and gender marker cases and cancelling or rescheduling hearings.
- If you have questions about the status of your case:
 - Check mycase.in.gov and search by your legal name or case number. Some cases with Rule 9 requests won't appear on-line.
 - Call your County Clerk's office. Some clerk's offices are completely closed because of COVID-19.

Additional Legal Information related to COVID-19

- **Tenants in Rental Housing**
- **Unemployment Benefits**
- **Health and Benefits Programs**
- **Taxpayer Information**
- **COVID-19 Updates**

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