

During the COVID-19 emergency period, the governor of Indiana has made adjustments to the Open Door Law. This impacts how school board meetings may be conducted. The changes suspend the requirement of governing bodies of public agencies to explicitly adopt a policy for electronic participation and suspend the requirement to have any members be physically present for meetings deemed to be essential. (See Ind. Code § 5-14-1.5-3.6(c), (f), (g) & (h)). All other provisions of Ind. Code § 5-14-1.5 et seq. remain in effect. Therefore, for the duration of this public health emergency, all governing bodies may meet by videoconference or by telephone conference so long as a quorum of members participate and any meeting is made available to members of the public and media. Media will be contacted with a Zoom link to the meeting. Any members of the public may contact Brenda Mathies in the Central office to request a Zoom invite for the meeting. Contact info via phone: 812-295-2595 or email: [bmathies@loogootee.k12.in.us](mailto:bmathies@loogootee.k12.in.us). All requests should be made within 24 hours of the board meeting.