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Voters in Indiana will elect a Governor, Lt. Governor, and Attorney General this cycle. All 100 House seats will be on the ballot as well as half (25) of the Senate. Republicans are expected to maintain control the Governor's Office, Lt. Governor's Office, Office of the Attorney General, and the Legislature.

Governor

[Woody Myers \(D\)](#)

Woody Myers (D) is a former Indiana State Health Commissioner, business owner, and physician. During his tenure, Dr. Myers helped make Indiana a leader in AIDS education and gained national recognition when he fought to keep Ryan White – a teenager with AIDS – in school when his school district banned him following his diagnosis.

Dr. Myers has released [education](#) proposals that include increasing funding for school nurses, social workers, and counselors; pausing any additional charter schools from opening; and evaluating how school funding is distributed.

He has released [healthcare](#) proposals that increase the availability of telehealth; end surprise billing for emergency services; and address health disparities by race, gender, and income. Myers favors the decriminalization of the possession of THC containing products for personal use as well as reducing sentencing for possession charges but does not support full recreational legalization.

Dr. Myers released a [response plan](#) to the coronavirus pandemic that includes emergency paid leave legislation and price gouging legislation, and provides businesses with devices such as contactless thermometers. He also supports the current statewide facemask mandate.

He has also issued a [business support plan](#) to combat the economic downturn caused by the pandemic. He wants to exclude small businesses, with fewer than 100 employees, from obligations to pay higher unemployment insurance premium rates for at least one year; remove mortgage defaults related to COVID-19 from credit reports; and supplement existing programs providing relief from tax payments and rent obligations for the next nine months.

As of [July 15](#), Dr. Myers had raised a total just north of \$678,000. He will [debate](#) his two opponents on October 20 and October 27.

***Trivia:** At 30, Dr. Myers was the youngest person to serve as Indiana Health Commissioner and held his appointment under both Democratic and Republican administrations.*