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Indiana Rail Road's Annual Santa Train Returns in 2021, Modified for COVID Safety

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.— Returning from the pandemic hiatus, Santa Claus will once again be coming to town by train. Children living in communities in southern Indiana and eastern Illinois served by The Indiana Rail Road Company (INRD) will get a chance to see Santa and Mrs. Claus on December 3, 4, and 5. The Santa Train will make 12 stops over three busy days, and INRD invites families to the festively decorated train to see Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Because safety is of the utmost importance, **the Santa Train schedule and format will be modified for 2021**. Santa's elves will arrive ahead of the train to prepare for Santa's arrival. Families are invited to come and watch Santa and Mrs. Claus come to town in style on the newly restored INRD caboose car and mail letters directly to Santa via the INRD Northpole Express Mailbox. **The opportunity to come aboard the train and visit with Santa will not be available this year** as the health, security, and safety of our employees and community must be our first priority. The event is free and open to children and grownups of all ages.

The Santa Train originated in 1989 as a volunteer project of Indiana Rail Road Company employees. In 2020, the employees, families, and volunteers who bring this cherished tradition to more than 7,000 people during its three-day tour were heartbroken over the cancellation of the festivities. Much hard work and dedication has been poured into reviving the Santa Train for 2021 in its modified form.

"It's great that we are able to bring this tradition back," says Dewayne Swindall, president and CEO of The Indiana Rail Road Company. "The Santa Train means as much to INRD employees as it does the communities in which we operate."

COVID-19 Safety: Due to the evolving health and safety considerations from the coronavirus outbreak ("COVID-19"), INRD requests that individuals (1) who have been in contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19 within two weeks prior to the Santa Train, or (2) who are experiencing a fever, cough, difficulty breathing, or cold- or flu-like symptoms, refrain from attending the Santa Train. Additionally, the CDC recommends wearing a mask in crowded, outdoor settings and for activities with close contact with others who are not fully vaccinated.

The Indiana Rail Road Company is a privately held, 250-mile railroad that serves central and southwest Indiana, and eastern Illinois. INRD connects to the entire North American rail network via strategic gateways at Chicago, Indianapolis and Newton, Ill. For more information on the railroad and its community involvement, visit www.inrd.com or find us on Twitter (@IndianaRailRoad), Facebook (The Indiana Rail Road Company) and Instagram (indianarailroad).

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(Full 2021 Santa Train schedule attached)



Station/Location	Arrive	Depart
Friday, December 3rd		
Bargersville, IN, Town Hall	4:15 PM	5:15 PM
Morgantown, IN, Fire Station	6:00 PM	7:00 PM
Helmsburg, IN, Helmsburg Rd.	7:45 PM	8:30 PM
Saturday, December 4th		
Solsberry, IN, Yoho Store	9:00 AM	10:00 AM
Bloomfield, IN, Seminary St.	10:45 AM	11:45 AM
Linton, IN, SE C St.	12:45 PM	1:45 PM
Dugger, IN, Main St.	2:15 PM	3:15 PM
Jasonville, IN, City Park	4:15 PM	5:15 PM
Sunday, December 5th		
Newton, IL, High School/ W. Decatur St.	10:00 AM	11:00 AM
Oblong, IL, S. Range St.	11:30 AM	12:30 PM
Palestine, IL, Lincoln St.	1:30 PM	2:30 PM
Sullivan, IN, Main St. & Judy Ln.	4:15 PM	5:15 PM