



March 13, 2020

Executive Order 2020-04

**EXECUTIVE ORDER IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19**  
**(COVID-19 EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2)**

**WHEREAS**, in late 2019, a new and significant outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) emerged; and,

**WHEREAS**, Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a novel severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among people through respiratory transmissions and present with symptoms similar to those of influenza; and,

**WHEREAS**, certain populations are at higher risk of experiencing more severe illness as a result of COVID-19, including older adults and people who have serious chronic medical conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, or lung disease; and,

**WHEREAS**, despite efforts to contain COVID-19, the World Health Organization and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) indicate that it is expected to spread; and,

**WHEREAS**, in communities with confirmed COVID-19 cases, the CDC currently recommends mitigation measures, including practicing social distancing, staying at home when sick, staying home when a household member is sick with respiratory disease symptoms or when instructed to do so by public health officials or a health care provider, and keeping away from others who are sick; and,

**WHEREAS**, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of Illinois, declared all counties in the State of Illinois as a disaster area on March 9, 2020 ("Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation"); and,

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization characterized the COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic; and,

**WHEREAS**, the James R. Thompson Center is a popular public space that experiences heavy foot traffic on a daily basis and also houses many state agencies and essential state employees that perform critical functions for the well-being of the State; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to take measures to ensure that essential state employees are able to carry out critical state functions effectively and safely; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary and appropriate for the State of Illinois to immediately take measures to protect the public's health in public spaces in response to COVID-19;

**THEREFORE**, by the powers vested in me as the Governor of the State of Illinois, and pursuant to Sections 7(1), 7(8) and 7(12) of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305, I hereby order the following:

Section 1. Beginning March 13, 2020, all public and private gatherings in the State of Illinois of 1,000 or more people are cancelled for the duration of the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation. A public or private gathering includes any event in which appropriate social distancing measures

cannot be maintained, such as concerts, festivals, conferences, sporting events, or other planned events with large numbers of people in attendance. A public or private gathering does not include normal school or work attendance.

Section 2. Beginning March 16, 2020, the James R. Thompson Center, located at 100 W. Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois, is closed for the duration of the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation to members of the public, except as necessary for the conduct of state business, to obtain services from a state agency or constitutional office, or to operate a business located in the James R. Thompson Center. This closure does not affect public access to businesses located on the ground floor in the James R. Thompson Center through exterior entrances.

Section 3. Beginning March 13, 2020, the two-year continuous service requirement for state employees to receive advancement of sick leave pursuant to Title 80, Section 303.110 of the Illinois Administrative Code Personnel Rules, is suspended during the duration of the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation.



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Executive Order 2020-05

**EXECUTIVE ORDER IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19**  
**(COVID-19 EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 3)**

**WHEREAS**, in late 2019, a new and significant outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) emerged; and,

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 is a novel severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among people through respiratory transmissions and present with symptoms similar to those of influenza; and,

**WHEREAS**, certain populations are at higher risk of experiencing more severe illness as a result of COVID-19, including older adults and people who have serious chronic medical conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, or lung disease; and,

**WHEREAS**, despite efforts to contain COVID-19, the World Health Organization and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) indicate that it is expected to spread; and,

**WHEREAS**, in communities with confirmed COVID-19 cases, the CDC currently recommends mitigation measures, including practicing social distancing, staying at home when sick, staying home when a household member is sick with respiratory disease symptoms or when instructed to do so by public health officials or a health care provider, and keeping away from others who are sick; and,

**WHEREAS**, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of Illinois, declared all counties in the State of Illinois as a disaster area on March 9, 2020 (“Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation”); and,

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization characterized the COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic; and,

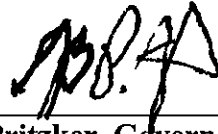
**WHEREAS**, it is necessary and appropriate for the State of Illinois to immediately take measures to protect the public’s health in response to this COVID-19 outbreak;

**THEREFORE**, by the powers vested in me as the Governor of the State of Illinois, and pursuant to Sections 7(1), 7(8), and 7(12) of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305, I hereby order the following:

Section 1. Beginning on March 17, 2020, all public and private schools in Illinois serving pre-kindergarten through 12th grade students must close for educational purposes through March 30, 2020. This requirement does not affect the availability of school buildings for the provision of food or other non-educational services, nor does it affect the availability of school buildings to serve as election polling locations.

Section 2. The definition of “chronic absence” pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/26-18 is suspended, and student absences due to school closures and absences connected to the transmission of COVID-19 during the effect of the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation will not contribute to the calculation of chronic absence.

Section 3. The requirement pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/10-20.56(b) for Illinois school districts to receive approval by the school board before establishing and maintaining a program for the use of electronic-learning (e-learning) is suspended during the effect of the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation. Further, any e-learning program implemented pursuant to this Executive Order need not comply with the requirement to hold a public hearing pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/10-20.56(c) or the requirement to communicate protocol to teachers, staff, and students 30 days prior to implementation pursuant to 10 ILCS 5/10-20.56(d)(10). However, any e-learning program adopted pursuant to this Executive Order must be verified by the regional office of education or intermediate service center for the school district, which must ensure that the specific needs of students are met, including special education students and English learners, as required by 105 ILCS 5/10-20.56(b). Regional offices of education and intermediate service centers are not to deny e-learning plan approvals based solely on the 5 clock hours of instruction or school work required by 105 ILCS 5/10-19.05 so long as the regional offices of education or intermediate service centers determines that the plan provides substantial student learning opportunities, notwithstanding 105 ILCS 10-20.56(d)(1). E-learning programs adopted pursuant to this Executive Order may exceed the number of emergency days in the approved school calendar notwithstanding 105 ILCS 5/10-20.56(b).



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Executive Order 2020 – 06

**AMENDMENT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-05 IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19**  
**(COVID-19 EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 4)**

**WHEREAS**, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of Illinois, declared all counties in the State of Illinois as a disaster area on March 9, 2020 (“Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation”) in response to the outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”); and,

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, Executive Order 5 (2020) ordered the closure of all public and private schools in Illinois serving pre-kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students for educational purposes from March 17, 2020 through March 30, 2020;

**THEREFORE**, by the powers vested in me as the Governor of the State of Illinois, and pursuant to Sections 7(1), 7(8), and 7(12) of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305, I hereby amend Executive Order 5 (2020) as follows:

Section 1. Beginning on March 17, 2020, all public and private schools in Illinois serving pre-kindergarten through 12th grade students must close for educational purposes through March 30, 2020. This requirement does not affect the availability of school buildings for the provision of food or other non-educational services, nor does it affect the availability of school buildings to serve as election polling locations. Schools operated by the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice, the Illinois State Board of Education, or the Illinois Department of Human Services may remain open for educational purposes provided that these schools are able to exercise the necessary precautions to protect the health and safety of students and staff.

Section 2. This Executive Order supersedes any contrary provision of any other prior Executive Order. Any provisions that are not contrary to those in this Executive Order shall remain in full force and effect.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JB Pritzker".

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Executive Order 2020 – 07

**EXECUTIVE ORDER IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19**  
**(COVID-19 EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 5)**

**WHEREAS**, in late 2019, a new and significant outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) emerged; and,

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 is a novel severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among people through respiratory transmissions and present with symptoms similar to those of influenza; and,

**WHEREAS**, certain populations are at higher risk of experiencing more severe illness as a result of COVID-19, including older adults and people who have serious chronic medical conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, or lung disease; and,

**WHEREAS**, despite efforts to contain COVID-19, the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) indicate that it is expected to spread; and,

**WHEREAS**, in communities with confirmed COVID-19 cases, the CDC currently recommends mitigation measures, including practicing social distancing, staying at home when sick, staying home when a household member is sick with respiratory disease symptoms or when instructed to do so by public health officials or a health care provider, and keeping away from others who are sick; and,

**WHEREAS**, the CDC currently recommends the cancellation or postponement of in-person events that consist of 50 people or more; and,

**WHEREAS**, social distancing, which consists of maintain at least a six-foot distance between people, is the paramount strategy for minimizing the spread of COVID-19 in our communities; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Department of Public Health recommends Illinois residents avoid group dining in public settings, such as in bars and restaurants, which usually involves prolonged close social contact contrary to recommended practice for social distancing; and,

**WHEREAS**, frequently used surfaces in public settings, including bars and restaurants, if not cleaned and disinfected frequently and properly, also pose a risk of exposure; and,

**WHEREAS**, current testing availability has identified further spread of confirmed cases throughout the State of Illinois, and it is expected that increased testing capacity would demonstrate that COVID-19 is circulating in communities across Illinois that currently have not identified a confirmed case; and,

**WHEREAS**, the number of suspected COVID-19 cases in Illinois is increasing exponentially and across more locations in Illinois, indicating that drastic social distancing measures are needed, even in communities where confirmed cases have not yet been identified, to reduce the number of people who become sick at any given time and the possibility of exhausting our health care resources; and,

**WHEREAS**, the ongoing spread of COVID-19 and the danger the virus poses to the public's health and wellness require the reduction of on-premises consumption of food and beverages; and

**WHEREAS**, State agencies have been directed to temporarily reduce activities and workforce to core mission functions and essential operations, encouraging working remotely where possible; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Liquor Control Act of 1934, 235 ILCS 5, "shall be liberally construed, to the end that the health, safety, and welfare of the People of the State of Illinois shall be protected"; and,

**WHEREAS**, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of Illinois, declared all counties in the State of Illinois as a disaster area on March 9, 2020 ("Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation"); and,

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization characterized the COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary and appropriate for the State of Illinois to immediately take measures to protect the public's health in response to this COVID-19 outbreak;

**THEREFORE**, by the powers vested in me as the Governor of the State of Illinois, and pursuant to Sections 7(1), 7(2), 7(3), and 7(8) of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305, I hereby order the following:

Section 1. Beginning March 16, 2020 at 9 p.m. through March 30, 2020, all businesses in the State of Illinois that offer food or beverages for on-premises consumption—including restaurants, bars, grocery stores, and food halls—must suspend service for and may not permit on-premises consumption. Such businesses are permitted and encouraged to serve food and beverages so that they may be consumed off-premises, as currently permitted by law, through means such as in-house delivery, third-party delivery, drive-through, and curbside pick-up. In addition, customers may enter the premises to purchase food or beverages for carry-out. However, establishments offering food or beverages for carry-out, including food trucks, must ensure that they have an environment where patrons maintain adequate social distancing. Businesses located in airports, hospitals, and dining halls in colleges and universities are exempt from the requirements of this Executive Order. Hotel restaurants may continue to provide room service and carry-out. Catering services may continue.

Section 2. Beginning March 18, 2020, all public and private gatherings in the State of Illinois of 50 people or more are prohibited for the duration of the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation. A public or private gathering includes community, civic, public leisure, faith-based events, sporting events with spectators, concerts, conventions, and any similar event or activity that brings together 50 or more people in a single room or a single space at the same time. This includes venues such as fitness centers/health clubs, bowling alleys, private clubs, and theatres. This does not include venues that provide essential goods or services such as grocery stores, hospitals, pharmacies, gas stations, banks/credit unions, and shelters. This order amends Section 1 of EO 2020-04, which prohibited gatherings of 1,000 people or more.

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Section 3. Pursuant to Sections 7(2) and 7(3) of the Illinois Emergency Management Act, the Illinois State Police, the Illinois Department of Public Health, the State Fire Marshal, and the Illinois Liquor Control Commission are directed to cooperate with one another and to use available resources to enforce the provisions of this Executive Order with respect to entities under their jurisdiction under Illinois law.

Section 4. Nothing in this Executive Order shall amend or supersede the authority of the Illinois Department of Public Health pursuant to Section 2310-15 of the Department of Public Health Powers and Duties Law, 20 ILCS 2310/2310-15.

Section 5. During the duration of the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, the provision of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 820 ILCS 405/500(D), requiring a one-week waiting period for unemployment insurance claims is suspended for claimants who are unemployed and who are otherwise eligible for unemployment insurance benefits.

Section 6. During the duration of the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120, requiring or relating to in-person attendance by members of a public body are suspended. Specifically, (1) the requirement in 5 ILCS 120/2.01 that "members of a public body must be physically present" is suspended; and (2) the conditions in 5 ILCS 120/7 limiting when remote participation is permitted are suspended. Public bodies are encouraged to postpone consideration of public business where possible. When a meeting is necessary, public bodies are encouraged to provide video, audio, and/or telephonic access to meetings to ensure members of the public may monitor the meeting, and to update their websites and social media feeds to keep the public fully apprised of any modifications to their meeting schedules or the format of their meetings due to COVID-19, as well their activities relating to COVID-19.



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➕ View up to date information on how Illinois is handling the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) from the [Illinois Department of Public Health](http://www.dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/diseases-a-z-list/coronavirus) (<http://www.dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/diseases-a-z-list/coronavirus>). ✕

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## Illinois News

# Gov. Pritzker Issues Disaster Proclamation to Build on State's COVID-19 Response, Unlock Additional Federal Resources

***Proclamation Formalizes Emergency Procedures Currently Underway Across State Government, Makes New Resources Available; State Continues Robust Response with Federal, Local Partners to Contain Virus, Prepare for Potential Further Spread***

Monday, March 9, 2020 - Governor, Office of the

**Chicago** — Building on the state's robust and coordinated response to COVID-19, Governor JB Pritzker issued a disaster proclamation today to unlock additional federal resources and help the state prepare for the potential of further spread. Issuing a disaster proclamation is the method of declaring a state of emergency in the state of Illinois, which 13 states across the United States have entered into.

"As we've said from the beginning, the state of Illinois will use every tool at our disposal to respond to this virus, and this is the next step in that commitment," **said Governor JB Pritzker**. "We stand ready to put the full weight of state government in preparation for a full-fledged response when needed and will continue to update the public regularly, responsibly and honestly as the situation evolves."

The proclamation formalizes emergency procedures already underway across state government by activating the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC), physically bringing together decision-makers from every state agency and the state's highly qualified mutual aid network to deploy resources as necessary during this public health threat.

State and local partners benefit from a disaster proclamation in the following ways:

- Allows federal reimbursement for state response costs
- Allows use of State Disaster Relief Fund, covering direct state costs and reimbursements to Illinois National Guard and mutual aid groups
- Allows use of the state's mutual aid network, groups of public safety response professionals

— including hundreds of health care providers and management professionals, law enforcement officers, fire fighters, emergency medical technicians and disaster response professionals — that are available to deploy to areas of shortage

- Authorizes the Governor to activate Illinois National Guard reservists, some of whom may be doctors and nurses
- Allows expedited procurement should it be necessary
- Authorizes additional executive authorities to protect public health and safety

Since January, the Illinois Department of Public Health and Illinois Emergency Management Agency have been working with their local counterparts across the state to prepare for additional cases as expected.

Also Monday, IDPH and the Chicago Department of Public Health announced four new COVID-19 cases in Illinois, bringing the total to 11. (See attached medical information.) All four cases are in good condition. The first two cases in the state announced last month have recovered without known transmission to additional individuals. The remaining patients are in isolation either at home or in a hospital. As with every case, our federal, state, county and hospital-level public health officials are working to actively identify any individuals who came into contact with the patients.

## **HEALTH CARE SYSTEM**

IDPH is currently operating three testing labs statewide - in Chicago, Springfield and Carbondale. These state labs meet current need, and commercial testing expansion is anticipated this week.

In addition, a sample of patients who present with flu-like symptoms are being tested at 15 hospitals statewide: seven hospitals in Cook County, three hospitals in other areas of northern Illinois, three hospitals in Central Illinois and two hospitals in Southern Illinois to monitor for the presence of the virus in our communities.

Gov. Pritzker has been in communication with the CEOs of the largest insurance companies in Illinois. Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois, UnitedHealthcare, Aetna and Cigna have announced they will waive the costs for COVID-19 testing. Medicaid and Medicare are also covering testing costs.

## **PREVENTION FOR THE PUBLIC**


To help prevent the spread of COVID-19, public health officials urge the general public to take the same precautions as during flu season — with renewed vigilance:

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Cover your cough or sneeze
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Clean often touched surfaces frequently
- Maintain social distance (3 feet) between yourself and anyone who is coughing or sneezing

- Avoid visiting long-term care facilities, such as nursing homes, especially if you're sick
- Stay home if you do not feel well
- Plan a safe visit to the doctor if you experience any symptoms

Vulnerable populations - including people 60 years and older or those with certain health conditions like heart disease, lung disease, and weakened immune systems - are recommended to avoid large gatherings.

The Illinois Department of Public Health has a statewide COVID-19 hotline and website to answer any questions from the public or to report a suspected case: call 1-800-889-3931 or visit [IDPH.illinois.gov](http://www.dph.illinois.gov/) (<http://www.dph.illinois.gov/>).

 [Public Health Officials Report Four Additional COVID-19 Cases in Illinois](https://www2.illinois.gov/IISNews/21220-Public_Health_Officials_Report_Four_Additional_COVID-19_Cases_in_Illinois.pdf)  
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