



ENFORCEMENT COVID -19 Executive Order No. 5

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The World Health Organization has declared COVID-19 to be a pandemic. The President of United States has declared the COVID-19 outbreak to be a national emergency. The Governor of Illinois has proclaimed COVID-19 to be a state disaster and declared all counties in the state as a disaster area. Federal, state and local public officials have been required to take extraordinary measures to protect the health, safety and welfare of citizens.

Per COVID-19 Executive Order No. 5, Section 1: Beginning March 16, 2020 at 9 p.m. through March 30, 2020, all businesses in 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 carry-out service, including food trucks, must ensure 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.

Per COVID-19 Executive Order No. 5, 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.

Please be advised that your establishment is required to adhere to this Executive Order immediately, and that these steps are necessary and proper to prevent further spreading of COVID-19.

If you do not adhere to this Executive Order, the Illinois Department of Public Health and Certified Local Health Departments have the authority to order that a place be closed and made off limits to the public “to prevent the probable spread of a dangerously contagious or infectious disease *** until such time as the condition can be corrected or the danger to the public health eliminated or reduced in such a manner that no substantial danger to the public's health any longer exists.” 20 ILCS 2305/2(b). The process of issuing such an order is set forth in 20 ILCS 2305/3(c). Furthermore, police officers, sheriffs and all other officers in Illinois are authorized to enforce such orders.

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